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Dear Mr Harper,

Warragamba Dam Raising (SSI-8441) Response to Submissions

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Warragamba Dam Raising (the Proposal) concluded on 19 December 2021. All submissions received by the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) during exhibition of the Proposal are now available on the Department's website at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10571>. The Department's comments on the EIS and requirements for additional information are attached (**Attachment A**).

Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Reports

Under section 5.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), issues raised in submissions must be adequately addressed in order for the Department to proceed with the assessment process. The Department requires WaterNSW to provide a Submissions Report (SR) that addresses issues raised and identified in submissions from the public and interest groups, government agency advice, in **Attachment A** and in the attached report (**Attachment B**).

Under section 5.17 of the EP&A Act, the Planning Secretary may also require WaterNSW to submit a Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR).

Following consideration of issues raised in submissions and government agency advice for the Proposal, the Department requires the preparation of a PIR to provide a detailed response to, at a minimum, the key issues raised in **Attachment A** and a detailed assessment of any changes required to the Proposal to address these issues and any issues raised in submissions or government agency advice.

Your written response must be in the form of a separate SR, that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines (2021)* (SSI Guidelines) in particular *State significant infrastructure guidelines – preparing a submissions report* (Appendix C) and a PIR, prepared having regard to the *State significant infrastructure guidelines – preparing a preferred infrastructure report* (Appendix E)¹, which the Department may publicly exhibit.

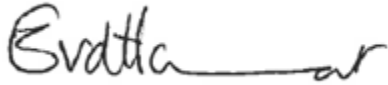
The Department strongly recommends ongoing consultation with government agencies to ensure outstanding issues are resolved prior to the submission of the SR and PIR.

¹ <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/Rapid-Assessment-Framework/Improving-assessment-guidance>

Next steps

Please lodge your SR and PIR by progressing the application on the Major Projects Planning Portal <https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>. If you have any questions, please contact Alan Bright on (02) 02 9995 5223 at Alan.Bright@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A: Key Issues Advice

Attachment B: 21/068 Warragamba Dam Raising Submissions Summary – Keylan Consulting