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Dear Ms Bizimis

**Tallawong Station Precinct South - Stage 2 Detailed Design-
EIS**

I refer to your email of 18 June 2020 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

The following recommendations are provided by DPIE Water and NRAR. Please note Crown Lands, the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) – Fisheries and DPI - Agriculture all now provide a separate response directly to you.

Prior to Approval

- The proponent should identify the water source that is to be extracted from during construction (for activities such as dust suppression).
- As the activity will intercept the groundwater table, an assessment of impact against the 'minimal impact considerations' of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy (2012) is required.
- The proponent should obtain a water access licence should the project be required to dewater greater than 3ML/year. An estimate of the groundwater take is required for consideration of licensing requirements. If less than 3 ML/yr is predicted, an exemption is available under cl. 7 of Schedule 4 of the Water Management (General) Regulation. To exercise this exemption certain requirements must be met to ensure that less than 3 ML of water is taken. To qualify for the exemption, refer to clause 21(6) of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 which includes:
 - record the water take within 24 hours in the approved form and manner;
 - provide the water take records to the Minister by no later than 28 July for the year ending 1 July during which the water was taken (e.g. included in the annual report);
 - keep the water take records for a period of five years.

Any further referrals to DPIE – NRAR & Water can be sent by email to:

landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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