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Via email: nathan.heath@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Nathan,

Notification of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wilcannia Weir Replacement Project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wilcannia Weir Replacement Project.

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is the agency responsible for dealing with floods, storms and tsunamis in NSW. This role includes, planning for, responding to and coordinating the initial recovery from floods. As such, the NSW SES has an interest in the public safety aspects of the development of flood prone land, particularly the potential for changes to land use to either exacerbate existing flood risk or create new flood risk for communities in NSW.

Then NSW SES has reviewed the EIS using the information provided and the flood risk information (e.g. local flood Plan, flood studies etc.) available to the NSW SES. It is noted that the EIS has not adequately considered the impact on flooding.

NSW SES encourages Water NSW to:

- consider the impact of flooding on the proposed infrastructure and any changes of flooding to the community as a consequence of the new weir, up to and including the Probable Maximum Flood in the EIS.
- ensure people using the site are aware of the flood risk during and after the works, for example by using signage.

Please feel free to contact me via email at rra@ses.nsw.gov.au should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



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