Department of Planning and Environment



Our ref: Wilcannia Weir Replacement (SSI-10050)

Ms Lara Hess Director Environment and Planning Water Infrastructure NSW 4 Parramatta Square, Level 30 PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

22 August 2022

Subject: Wilcannia Weir Replacement (SSI-10050) Response to Submissions

Dear Ms Hess

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wilcannia Weir Replacement project (SSI-10050) ended on 14 August 2022. All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at: <u>https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/wilcannia-weir-replacement</u>.

The Department requires that you provide a written response to issues raised in the submissions from members of the public, interest groups and government agencies, as required under section 5.17(6) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The Department strongly encourages you to consult with these government agencies during preparation of the submissions report. Please note any outstanding comments from government agencies will be forwarded to you separately.

The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines including Appendix C - Preparing a Submissions Report.

Should components of the proposal be amended to improve the design of the proposal, respond to issues raised in submissions or reduce the impacts of the project, Water Infrastructure NSW must outline these changes to the proposal in an Amendment Report with any amended SSI application. The Department may exhibit and seek public comments on the Amendment Report.

The issues raised in submissions must be adequately addressed to ensure determination timeframes are met. Should assessment matters not be adequately addressed, the Department may require a Preferred Infrastructure Report. Under section 5.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Planning Secretary may require a Preferred Infrastructure Report be submitted. The Department may exhibit the Preferred Infrastructure Report.

Please lodge your submissions report via the NSW planning portal https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/.

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If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Heath, on 02 8289 6617 or via email at nathan.heath@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Acting Director State Significant Acceleration as delegate for the Planning Secretary