

Our ref: Thrumster Wastewater Scheme (SSI-56980459)

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Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Dr Ranjbar

The exhibition of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme (SSI-56980459) ended on 02 Sep 2024.

We have placed all submissions on the NSW Planning Portal at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/thrumster-wastewater-scheme>.

We now require a written response to issues raised in the submissions, as required under section 5.17(6) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

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*.

We also require a response to the issues raised by agencies in their advice (also on the NSW Planning Portal) and the additional information requests included in Attachment A. These responses should be incorporated into the submissions report.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure also received feedback from the community (separate and in addition to submissions) that related to alternatives sites that were considered, surrounding land uses, site access, odour and health impacts, and Council's consultation. The department considers these issues to be significant and requests a response on how these issues will be addressed. Please include a response to these issues in the submissions report. The feedback is attached as Attachment B.

Please note that at the date of this letter, we have not received advice from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water - Water Group, and the Environment Protection

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Authority. The department is aware that these will be provided shortly and provide these to Council for consideration and response once received.

Please lodge your submissions report by 20 November 2024 via the NSW Planning Portal

<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Nick Hearfield, via email at nick.hearfield@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LE Smith".

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as delegate for the Planning Secretary