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This Submissions Report has addressed the outcomes of the consultation process conducted during and following the exhibition of the Environmental Assessment for the Quakers Hill to Vineyard Duplication Project.

In addressing both compliance with legislative requirements and the requirements of the consultation process, this Submissions Report demonstrates that:

- TIDC has considered all issues arising from the submissions and provided a written response to the issues (refer Chapter 3)
- in responding to the issues relating to the Project, additional investigations have been undertaken (refer Chapter 4)
- minor modifications made to the Project design since exhibition have been justified through demonstrating that each modification is minor and/or provides additional benefits to the Project design described in the Environmental Assessment (refer Chapter 5)
- a Statement of Commitments, which has been amended as a result of the submissions received and following the additional investigations, demonstrates TIDC's commitment to a comprehensive management approach to minimise environmental impacts (refer Table 6-1).

In consideration of the above, it is proposed that the Quakers Hill to Vineyard Duplication Project, as described in Chapter 6 of the Environmental Assessment, and amended by this Submissions Report, should be submitted for determination by the Minister for Planning.

The revised SoCs provided in Table 6-1 will establish the appropriate environmental framework for the Project to be undertaken in a sustainable manner.

7.2 Next steps

Following TIDC's response to public submissions, it is anticipated that the Department of Planning will be in a position to prepare the Director-General's Assessment Report for the Project. The Director-General's Assessment Report will provide advice and recommendations to the Minister for Planning with regard to the determination of the proposed Project.

The Minister for Planning will subsequently decide whether to grant approval or refuse the Project under Section 75J of the EP&A Act.

Should the Project be approved by the Minister for Planning, TIDC will continue to consult with community members, government agencies and other stakeholders during the pre-construction and construction phases of the Project. TIDC's commitment to ongoing stakeholder consultation is reflected in the SoCs provided in Chapter 6. An overview of the consultation activities that will be undertaken by TIDC during the pre-construction and construction phases of the Project is provided in Chapter 2.



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