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Subject: Mamre Road Data Centre Campus (SSD-92743706) – Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Patrick Copas,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 5 March 2026 to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Water Group about the above matter.

The NSW DCCEEW Water Group has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement and makes a recommendation to clarify interim arrangements for managing water flow entering from the east of the project site. Please see Attachment A for further detail.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact the DCCEEW Water Assessments team at water.assessments@dcceew.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPHI Planning & Assessment regarding the Mamre Road Data Centre Campus (SSD-92743706) – EIS

1.0 Works on waterfront land

1.1 Recommendation – pre-determination

That Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) requests the proponent to clarify the interim arrangements to direct runoff from the east of the site into the proposed drainage swale in the north of the site.

Explanation

Uncertainty exists as to how runoff entering from the east of the site will be conveyed to the drainage swale located in the north of the project site. It is understood a temporary swale is to be constructed on the eastern boundary to convey water to the north, however the flow entry point from the east shown on the Roadworks & Stormwater Drainage Plan - Sheet 6 is located some distance to the south of where the current drainage line enters from. Clarification is therefore requested on the interim arrangements to maintain the flow.

2.0 Water take and licensing

2.1 Recommendation – post-determination

The DPHI requests the proponent to obtain a water access licence (WAL) to account for the maximum predicted water take for construction and operation activities unless an exemption applies under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2025* (WM Reg).

Explanation

The Groundwater Impact Assessment (Appendix 19) has estimated maximum water take from aquifer interference activities of 0.625 ML during construction and no ongoing water take. Under the *Water Management Act 2000*, if groundwater is intercepted a WAL must be obtained prior to any water take occurring unless an exemption under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2025* applies. An exemption may be available for water take during construction activities in coastal water sources under Clause 6 of Schedule 4 of the WM Reg, or where the groundwater take during construction or operation is less than or equal to 3ML per water year (cl 19, sch 4 of WM Reg). To claim either of these exemptions certain requirements must be met, such as

- the person claiming the exemption keeps a record of the water taken under the exemption and provides this to the Minister within 28 days of the end of the water year; and
- the records are kept for 5 years.

Further information on these requirements and other information on licensing and approvals and exemptions, including a form to report and record water taken can be found at:

[Licensing and approvals | Water](#) and [Dewatering exemptions | Water](#)

End Attachment A
