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Subject: Building A Amending DA 3 Halifax St Macquarie Park (SSD-80675497 Mod 2) –
Modification Report

Dear Liam Frayne,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 10 June 2026 to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Water Group about the above matter.

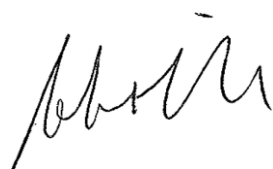
NSW DCCEEW Water Group has reviewed the Modification Report and is satisfied with the information provided. Post approval recommendations are made to:

- Ensure water licensing requirements are met.
- Implement the prepared Dewatering Management Plan and review the monitoring results at the end of construction to confirm ongoing monitoring, management and licensing requirements.

Please see **Attachment A** for details.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact the 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 Building A Amending DA 3 Halifax St Macquarie Park (SSD-80675497 Mod 2) – Modification Report

1.0 Water take and licensing

1.1 Recommendation – post approval

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (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.

Explanation

The Dewatering Management Plan indicates groundwater inflows during construction of 3.76 ML/yr and ongoing inflows of 2.37 ML/yr. It is also noted the Aquifer Interference Policy assessment meets the Level 1 minimal impact considerations which is acceptable. 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 until 30 June 2029 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 water is not taken for consumption or supply;
- 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:

<https://www.water.dcceew.nsw.gov.au/our-work/licensing-and-approvals> and <https://www.water.dcceew.nsw.gov.au/our-work/licensing-and-approvals/water-licence-and-approval-exemptions/dewatering-exemptions>

2.0 Groundwater impacts and dewatering requirements

2.1 Recommendation - post approval

DPHI should ensure:

- A Dewatering Management Plan (DMP) is implemented for the project's construction.
 - The dewatering results are reviewed at the end of construction to confirm ongoing monitoring, management and licensing requirements.
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Explanation

The proponent has prepared a Dewatering Management Plan (dated 23 February 2026) focused on the construction phase of the project. This plan requires additional monitoring bores to be installed prior to construction and ongoing monitoring, trigger reporting and management supported by DCCEE Water. At the end of construction a review of the monitoring results should be completed to verify the original impact and inflow predictions and the requirements for operation of the project.

End Attachment A