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Dear Mr Schwebel

**200 Aldington Road Industrial Estate (SSD-10479)
RTS**

I refer to your email of 26 March 2021 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

The following recommendations are provided by NRAR.

Pre-approval:

- The proponent should confirm offsetting has been incorporated into the VRZ.

Explanation

In accordance with the NRAR Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land, offsetting for any Vegetated Riparian Zone (VRZ) encroachment is to occur along the same alignment of the watercourse. The concept plan includes a 5m wide VRZ along the basin retaining wall although does not show any offsetting along the same side of the watercourse.

- The proponent should provide detail of the proposed water source during construction and operation and identify any water access licences to be used or obtained under the *Water Management Act 2000*. A site water balance has still not been provided.

Post-approval:

- The proponent should prepare a Vegetation Management Plan in compliance with the requirements in the NRAR Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (previously provided) and the Guidelines for Vegetation Management Plans on Waterfront Land (https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/160467/licensing_approvals_controlled_activities_veg_mgt_plans.pdf). This includes a fully structured Vegetated Riparian Zone appropriate for a first order watercourse.
- The watercourse realignment should consider natural hydrological processes and appropriate stabilisation measures for predicted flow that emulate natural watercourse features. The watercourse realignment should not impact on upstream or downstream connectivity in this area and should not impact on sensitive wetland areas.

Any further referrals to DPIE Water and NRAR can be sent by email to:
landuse.enquiries@dpiensw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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