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Dear Mr Eldred

**New Education Campus at Jindabyne (SSD-15788005) –
Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to your email of 20 January 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

The proposal seeks approval for development of the Jindabyne Education Campus and encompasses construction of primary and high schools, with a number of associated buildings and road infrastructure.

NRAR recommends that confirmation be provided on groundwater take and all works on waterfront land be in accordance with the NRAR Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (Attachment A provides further details).

Any further referrals to DPE Water and NRAR can be sent by email to water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au, or to the following coordinating officer within DPE Water:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Rogers".

Liz Rogers
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18 February 2022

Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPE Planning & Assessment regarding the New Education Campus at Jindabyne (SSD-15788005) – EIS

1. Water Take and Licensing

Recommendation – Prior to Determination

- 1.1** The proponent should confirm if there will be any groundwater intercepted, diverted or extracted, and if so - the proponent should:
- Provide details and quantify the maximum construction or operational water take which will occur for the project and estimated volumes in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy.
 - Demonstrate the ability to acquire sufficient entitlement where required or if an exemption is applicable.

Explanation

Additional information is required to confirm if groundwater take is to occur due to construction or operation of the project and if it is to occur, this take needs to meet the requirements of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy. The Groundwater Investigation notes drainage measures will need to be provided for subsurface features or behind any retaining walls to allow any seepage to flow around the structures and that excavations may intercept groundwater. This suggests there may be dewatering but no information is provided to confirm if groundwater take is to occur, and therefore confirmation is requested.

If groundwater take is to occur, water access licence(s) must be held unless an exemption under Schedule 4 Clause 7 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 applies.

2. Works on waterfront land

Recommendation – Post Approval

- 1.2** All works on waterfront land must be in accordance with the NRAR Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land. This includes proposed outlets into Lees Creek.

Explanation

There is a 2nd order watercourse within 40m of the site, so works in the south eastern corner of the site are within waterfront land. As such works on waterfront land should be in accordance with the NRAR Guidelines for Controlled Activities including outlet structures. The NRAR Guidelines can be found <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/nrar/how-to-apply/controlled-activities/guidelines-for-controlled-activities>

End Attachment A