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Subject: **Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility (SSD-9409987) – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Dear Ms Barnet

I refer to your email of 22 February 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

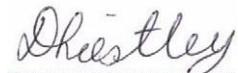
Plasrefine is seeking approval for the construction and operation of a plastics recycling facility with the capacity to accept and process up to 120,000 tonnes of plastic waste per annum. The facility would also manufacture plastic fibres and resins.

DPE Water and NRAR have reviewed the EIS and need further details on how the proposed water storage dams meet the requirements of the water regulatory framework. Please see **Attachment A** for more detail.

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 dark ink, appearing to read "D Priestley", written over a horizontal line.

Donna Priestley
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Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPE Planning & Assessment regarding the Moss Vale Plastics Recycling Facility (SSD-9409987) – EIS

1.0 Water Storage Dams

1.1 Recommendation – Prior to Determination

The proponent should provide detail on how the proposed water storage dams meet the requirements of the water regulatory framework. This needs to review the applicability of exemptions, harvestable rights or if water entitlements will be held to account for this take.

1.2 Explanation

Clarification is requested on how the proposed storage dams meet the water regulatory framework. The dams will require a water licence unless an exemption applies such as under Schedule 1(3) of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* or the dam capacity is within the Maximum Harvestable Rights Dam Capacity. More information on harvestable rights can be found at: <https://www.watarnsw.com.au/customer-service/water-licensing/blr/harvestable-rights-dams>

2.0 Groundwater Take

2.1 Recommendation – Post Approval

Should groundwater be intercepted, a Water Access Licence (WAL) under the *Water Management Act 2000* must be obtained unless the take is less than or equal to 3ML of water per year for any aquifer interference activities listed in Clause 7 of Schedule 4 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*. For more information visit <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/nrar/how-to-apply/water-licences/Groundwater>

To qualify for an exemption to hold a water access licence, the proponent should:

- record the water take within 24 hours in the approved form and manner;
- provide the water take records to the Minister by no later than 28 July for the year ending 1 July during which the water was taken (e.g. included in the annual report);
- keep the water take records for a period of five years

End Attachment A
