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Subject: **Sydney Metro West - Rail infrastructure, stations, precincts and operations (Stage 3) (SSI-22765520)**

Dear Mr Ng

I refer to your request for advice sent on 22 March 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

This project proposal is for the major civil construction (consisting of tunnel fit-out, station building and fit-out) and operation of the Sydney Metro line between Westmead and Sydney CBD.

This proposal includes the operational phase of the project, including operational water take. The documentation notes for many of the stations that there will be minor to negligible impacts on groundwater. These impacts are not further quantified. Therefore, the proponent should:

Prior to Determination

- Provide more explanation as to why there will be minor to negligible impacts on groundwater and quantify the amount of take if it will be occurring.

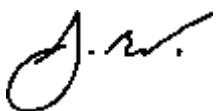
Post approval

- The proponent must ensure sufficient water entitlement is held in a Water Access Licence/s (WAL) to account for the maximum predicted take for each water source prior to take occurring, unless an exemption under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* applies.

Please note that the licensing and approval function has now moved from NRAR to DPE Water. Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact DPE Water Assessments water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au, or to the following coordinating officer within DPE Water:

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Yours sincerely



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