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Subject: **Compass 2 Warehouse & Distribution Centre (SSD-30923027) – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Dear Giles Bloxham,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 23 March 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

This project proposal is for the construction and operation of a Warehouse and Distribution Centre including minor earthworks, civil works and utilities servicing, and car parking.

The following post approval recommendation is provided by DPE Water:

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 Section 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

Should the project be approved, the relevant management plans should reference our groundwater guidelines which are soon to be published. Please contact us if you require more information on these guidelines. DPE Water does not need to be consulted during the development or approval of any management plans.

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 the following coordinating officer within DPE Water:

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Yours sincerely



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