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Subject: **Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion (SSD-9418) – response to RTS advice**

Dear Ms Thornton

I refer to your request for advice sent on 26 July 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

The project aims to increase the production capacity of an existing composting facility to 200,000 tonnes per annum.

DPE Water has reviewed the response to RTS advice and is satisfied there is no requirement to licence water take from void 4 at this stage in the project. This is on the basis the water is being sourced from a tailings emplacement and ash dams which are above the natural groundwater table. Should the source of water in void 4 change, the requirement to account for water take would need to be reconsidered.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact DPE Water Assessments at water assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au or to the following coordinating officer within DPE Water: Tim Baker, Senior Project Officer - email: tim.baker@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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

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