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Subject: **Kurri Kurri Lateral Pipeline Project (SSI-22338205) – RTS & Amendment Report**

Dear Ms Mazaheri,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 4 October 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

This project proposal is to develop a ~21 km underground pipeline from the existing Sydney to Newcastle pipeline to the proposed Hunter Power Project near Kurri Kurri, a compressor station & a 24 km underground storage pipeline & ancillary infrastructure.

DPE Water has reviewed the RTS & Amendment Report and has no further comments to address prior to approval. Our post approval recommendations are in **Attachment A** noting that our earlier post approval recommendations in response to the Environmental Impact Statement also remain valid.

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

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

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Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPE Planning & Assessment regarding the Kurri Kurri Lateral Pipeline Project (SSI-22338205) - RTS

1.0 Post Approval Recommendations

1.1 Recommendations – Post Approval

The proponent should:

- ensure entitlements are held for any water take including groundwater interference unless an exemption applies.
- ensure all works on waterfront land are in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NOW 2012), including the proposed watercourse crossing of Wallis Creek and construction points for horizontal directional drilling being setback.

1.2 Explanation

All works within waterfront land should be in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities. This should include the culvert crossing proposed for Wallis Creek and the construction areas for the horizontal directional drilling. Guidelines for Controlled Activities can be found: <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-trade/approvals/controlled-activity-approvals/what/guidelines>

The proposal notes a possible shallow groundwater table between Wallis Creek and Swamp Creek. 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/water/licensing-and-trade/licensing>.

End Attachment A
