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Billabong Creek Environmental Water Regulators - EIS

Dear Drew

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on Billabong Creek Environmental Water Regulators – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Agriculture and Biosecurity (the Department) collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

The Department has reviewed the EIS and associated documents for how it has considered and addressed the potential impact of the proposed developments on agricultural land and agricultural production in the locality. The Department notes that the EIS considers land use conflict will be low due to the remote locations of the sites.

Based on its requirements for protection of agricultural values at and in the vicinity of the project sites, the Department notes the proposed management measures of landholder and land manager consultation and agreements on livestock and cropping management, maintenance of groundcover and site rehabilitation, and application of agricultural biosecurity management plans within construction and operation management plans. The commitments made about implementing soils, land use, property and agriculture management measures are considered appropriate for this project.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Sincerely

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