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Subject: Chatswood Grand Residences (SSD-74319707) – Environmental Impact Statement

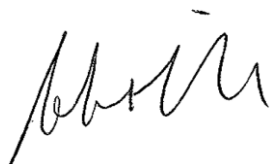
Dear Justin Keen,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 2 April 2025 to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Water Group about the above matter.

NSW DCCEEW Water Group has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement and has recommendations regarding water take and licensing. Please see Attachment A for more detail.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact the Water Assessments team at water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Brownbill".

Rob Brownbill
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Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPHI Planning & Assessment regarding the Chatswood Grand Residences (SSD-74319707) - EIS

1.0 Water take and licensing

1.1 Recommendation – post determination

The Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Housing requests the proponent to ensure a water access licence (WAL) is obtained prior to take occurring to account for the maximum predicted water take for construction and operation activities unless an exemption applies under the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018.

Explanation

The EIS has identified that groundwater take due to aquifer interference is predicted at 4.453ML/yr during construction and 3.978ML/yr during operations. Under the *Water Management Act 2000*, if groundwater is intercepted a WAL must be obtained prior to any water take occurring unless an exemption under Clause 7 of Schedule 4 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 applies. An exemption may be available if water take is less than or equal to 3 ML per water year, subject to the development meeting other exemption requirements, such as:

- the water is not taken for consumption or supply;
- the person claiming the exemption keeps a record of the water taken under the exemption and provides this to the Minister within 28 days of the end of the water year; and
- the records are kept for 5 years.

Further information on these requirements and other information on licensing and approvals, exemptions, including an exemption application form and a form to report and record water taken can be found at: <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/our-work/licensing-and-trade>

End Attachment A
