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Subject: Warnervale Shopping Centre Modification 2 (MP10_0195) – Additional information

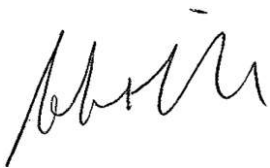
Dear Ryan Lennox,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 22 August 2025 to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Water Group about the above matter.

NSW DCCEEW Water Group is satisfied with the additional information submitted for review. A post determination recommendation is provided in regard to ensuring a water access licence is held unless an exemption applies. Further detail is provided in Attachment A.

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

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPHI Planning & Assessment regarding the Warnervale Shopping Centre Mod 2 (MP10_0195) – Additional information

1.0 Water take and licensing

1.1 Recommendation – post determination

That Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requests the proponent to ensure a water access licence (WAL) is obtained to account for the maximum predicted water take for construction and operation activities unless an exemption applies under the Water Management (General) Regulation 2025 (WM Reg).

Explanation

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 the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2025* applies. An exemption may be available where the groundwater take during construction or operation is less than or equal to 3ML per water year (cl 19, sch 4 of WM Reg). To claim this exemption certain requirements must be met, such as

- 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 and exemptions, including a form to report and record water taken can be found at: <https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-trade> and [Groundwater access licence exemptions | NSW Government Water](#).

End Attachment A
