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Dear Ms Sommer

**Belmont Drought Response Desalination Plant (SSI-8896) – Response to Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report**

I refer to the Response to Submissions (RTS) and the Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR) for the Belmont Drought Response Desalination Plant (SSI-8896) sent to Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) for comment.

The RTS has been reviewed in conjunction with the PIR with particular attention being paid to our previous concerns with water quality, noise and community consultation. The review of the RTS/PIR indicates that the amended proposal is likely to have minimal impact on public health.

It is noted that the water would be treated to meet drinking water requirements prior to being delivered to the water supply network. It is paramount that NSW Health and NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) water are consulted throughout all stages to ensure safe drinking water is delivered to the public.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Ms Nichole Mason, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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