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Subject: Lord Howe Island Critical Infrastructure Project (SSI-78107213) – Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Nathan Heath,

I refer to your request for advice sent on 13 October 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 makes recommendations in regard to:

- Quantifying the projects water demands for construction and operation.
- Identifying water supply sources.

Please see Attachment A for further detail.

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

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 Lord Howe Island Critical Infrastructure Project (SSI-78107213) – EIS

1.0 Water supply

1.1 Recommendation – pre-determination

That Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) should request the proponent to:

- Quantify the maximum annual project water demands for the construction and operation phases.
- Identify feasible water supply sources to meet the estimated water demands.

Explanation

Insufficient information has been provided to understand the water demands and water sources for the project. The maximum annual project water demands need to be quantified for the construction and operation phases and water sources to meet these demands should be identified. This should include confirmation or consultation with third party sources if required.

End Attachment A
