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Dear Ms Starkey

**Northside Private Hospital, West Gosford (SSD 10159) –
Amended EIS and Response to Submissions**

I refer to your email of 13 October 2020 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) – Water about the above matter. The following recommendations are provided from DPIE Water and NRAR.

Pre-approval Recommendations

- A detailed and consolidated site water balance is required. The site water balance should include a description of all water demands (including incidental take and seepage) and a breakdown of water supplies, and any water licensing requirements. Water licensing requirements should refer to the Water Sharing Plans (WSP) located across this location, the availability of water required from the WSP area and where required any water supply works needed to access or extract water.
- As the activity will intercept the groundwater table, an assessment of impact against the 'minimal impact considerations' of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy (2012) is required.
- An estimate of the groundwater take is required for consideration of licensing requirements. If less than 3 ML/yr is predicted, an exemption is available under cl. 7 of Schedule 4 of the Water Management (General) Regulation. To exercise this exemption certain requirements must be met to ensure that less than 3 ML of water is taken. To qualify for the exemption, refer to clause 21(6) of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 which includes requirements to:
 - record the water take within 24 hours in the approved form and manner;
 - provide the water take records to the Minister by no later than 28 July for the year ending 1 July during which the water was taken (e.g. included in the annual report);
 - keep the water take records for a period of five years.

Any further referrals to DPIE – NRAR & Water can be sent by email to:
landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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