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Dear Mr Graham

Hanson Tweed Sand Plant (SSD-10398) Response to request for additional information

I refer to the Submissions Report provided to the Department on 1 November 2021, the Department's subsequent request for information dated 2 November 2021, and your response dated 19 November 2021.

The Department considers that insufficient information has been provided in your response to determine the water take for the project in accordance with the requirements of water legislation and policy. The additional information relies predominantly on a net water balance to determine the groundwater and surface water take. This approach is inappropriate and requires the total actual water take from each water source to be quantified. There is no ability to reduce the water take volume based on water being put back into the water source either directly, via recharge, or from another source.

Once the total project water take has been appropriately quantified, the ability to acquire sufficient entitlement from relevant surface water and groundwater sources will also need to be demonstrated.

Further to the above, the Department expects to receive additional agency advice on the revised water balance report, and other water resource assessment issues, imminently. Upon receipt of this advice, it will be provided to you for review and consideration as an addendum to the Department's initial request for information on this matter.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting (via teleconference) to discuss any aspects of the Department's request, please contact James McDonough on 0295856313 or james.mcdonough@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Director, Resource Assessments
as delegate for the Planning Secretary