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 Mr Kieran Thomas  
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Attention: Chris Eldred

Dear Mr Thomas,

**89 JOHN WHITEWAY DRIVE, GOSFORD (SSD-10321) – MOD 1  
 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We refer to your letter requesting additional information dated 22 February 2022 in which the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) has requested some additional information to inform the Department's assessment of the State Significant Development Application (SSD). A consolidated response to the Department's request for information is provided at **Table 1** below.

**Table 1 Response Table**

Comment	Response
<b>Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment</b>	
The Department requests that you provide suitable information to address the issues raised in the submission from DPE Water dated 16 February 2022 (copy enclosed). The submitted modification report has not provided an assessment of the impacts on ground water in flows arising from the increased excavation of the basements levels.	See response below.
<b>Department of Planning and Environment: Water</b>	
Demonstrate the predicted impact of the proposed modification on inflows and potential impacts to groundwater.	<p>The depth of the basement design has not changed between the approved development and MOD 1. i.e the basement finished floor level (FFL) of the approved DA are unchanged by MOD 1. However, MOD 1 seeks to better clarify the excavation below the FFL, which was always a necessary construction allowance of the original DA that was not clearly represented in the previous Architects plans.</p> <p>Table 3 is correct in reporting that the original DA identified the excavation depth as 60.4 – 61.9, however the excavation depth and FFL in that DA were the same, which is inaccurate. MOD 1 identifies excavation as 60.1 – 61.5 to capture the construction allowance below the FFL, which was always required.</p> <p>Groundwater considerations are unchanged by MOD 1. Excavation for the basement will continue to be above the 3 ML exemption limit.</p> <p>Further information is provided by JK Geotechnics that confirms there is no impact to groundwater by the modification (<b>Appendix A</b>).</p>
Post approval recommendations.	The consent already includes conditions to address Groundwater including B29(c)(iv) and (d). This modification does not change the requirements to be carried out as part of the construction process.

Should you have any queries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0411047748 or [cmcgillick@ethosurban.com](mailto:cmcgillick@ethosurban.com).

Yours sincerely,



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