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Subject: **Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion (SSD-9418) - RTS**

Dear Ms Thornton

I refer to your request for advice sent on 23 June 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

The project aims to increase the production capacity of an existing composting facility to 200,000 tonnes per annum.

DPE Water has reviewed the RTS and found the following pre-approval recommendation from the EIS stage has not been addressed:

Under the Water Management Act 2000 the take of water stored in Void 4 is a licensable requirement and is to be accounted for against a water access license (WAL). Therefore it is recommended that:

- *The proponent identifies the WAL to which the estimated take of 125 ML/year water is to be accounted against.*

The above matter is recommended to be addressed prior to project approval to demonstrate an ability to account for water take due to the project.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact DPE Water Assessments at water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au or to the following coordinating officer within DPE Water: Tim Baker, Senior Project Officer - email: tim.baker@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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