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Subject: Goulburn Poultry Processing Mixed Use Development (SSD 9143) – Response to Submissions (RTS)

Dear Ms Munk

I refer to your request for advice sent on 16 August 2022 to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) Water about the above matter.

The project aims to construct and operate a mixed-use development which includes storage and distribution facilities, a poultry processing plant and a childcare centre.

DPE Water has reviewed the Response to Submissions document and is satisfied with the information provided to address comments raised on review of the EIS for the project. Recommendations have been prepared by DPE Water to be addressed post approval of the project which relate to water licensing requirements associated with the potential for groundwater interception due to excavation works and the design of the on-site detention basin.

Please see Attachment A for more detail.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Liz Rogers".

Liz Rogers

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Department of Planning and Environment: Water

Attachment A

Detailed advice to DPE Planning & Assessment regarding the Goulburn Poultry Processing Mixed Use Development (SSD-9143) – RTS

1.0 Water Licensing

Post Project Determination

1.1 Recommendation

Should groundwater be intercepted, a Water Access Licence (WAL) under the *Water Management Act 2000* must be obtained unless the take is less than or equal to 3ML of water per year for any aquifer interference activities listed in Clause 7 of Schedule 4 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018.

1.2 Explanation

- Appendix B of the RTS provided civil drawings which indicated the requirement for excavation depths of up to 7.9m. The depths of excavation were variable across the site and no information was provided to confirm the potential for groundwater interception. DPE Water is aware the closest bore which is approximately 317m NE of the site had a standing water level of 14m below ground level when constructed. How this water level relates to the sites current conditions is uncertain, however it is likely to be a low risk. The proponent needs to be aware of the requirement to account for water take by holding a Water Access Licence or meeting an exemption.

1.3 Recommendation

The design of the on-site detention basin needs to ensure that the volume of water that can be permanently held is within the Harvestable Rights for the property or the volume removed from the basin is accounted for by a Water Access Licence (WAL) in the relevant water source.

1.4 Explanation

- Appendix B of the RTS provided civil drawings which indicated approximately 10cm of water may be stored in the base of the detention basin. This storage volume is between the base of the basin and the lowest outlet. The capture of runoff in dams on minor streams needs to be considered for licensing under Harvestable Rights or by holding sufficient entitlement in a WAL for water take.

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