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Subject: Billabong Creek Environmental Water Regulators (SSI-50831979) - Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr Ball,

I refer to the Submissions report (SR) for the Billabong Creek Environmental Water Regulators (SSI-50831979) submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) on 10/6/2025 under section 5.17(6) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

After careful consideration, the Department is requesting that you provide additional information. You are requested to submit your response to this request for information that addresses the comments provided by the Department at **Attachment A**. You are requested to provide the information to the Department by **13 August 2025**.

If you are unable to provide the requested information within this timeframe, you are required to provide, and commit to, a timeframe detailing the provision of this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Drew Anderson on 02 9228 6212 or via email at drew.anderson@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Lloyd Eley-Smith

Team Leader, Transport and Water Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Enclosed - Attachment A – Request for information requirements

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The Request for Information (RFI), must address the following issues identified by the Department:

All issues raised by government agencies in their advice, including recommendations to the Department raised by DCCEE Water Group.

Operations Plan

- Clearly explain why each issue noted in section 4.3.4 of the submissions report is considered out of scope for the SSI approval.
- Confirm the rates of rise and fall for both regulators including the use of flow volumes as a surrogate for rates of rise and fall. Further, detail the environmental impacts of the confirmed rates of rise and fall.

Cumulative social impacts

- As noted by Edward River Council, the project may contribute to cumulative social impacts in the context of other projects in the area, including impacts related to an influx of skilled workers to the region. Provide an analysis of the cumulative social impacts considering other projects in the vicinity including their construction schedules, in accordance with the *Social Impact Assessment Guideline* and the *Cumulative Impact Assessment Guidelines for State Significant Projects*. The analysis should also detail proposed mitigation and management measures.

Bushfire Risk

- The Planning Portal Hazard – Bush Fire Prone Vegetation Mapping Tool categorises the regulator sites and surrounding areas as Vegetation Category 1 (highest risk for bush fire) and Vegetation Category 3 (medium bush fire risk). Confirm vegetation categories around the regulator sites and provide detail on how bushfire risk will be considered during detailed design, in accordance with *Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019* (NSW RFS) and Australian Standard AS 3959:2018 *Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas*.