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Dear Ms Munk

**Botany Cogeneration Plant (SSD-10373)  
Comment on the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)**

I refer to your email of 12 September 2019 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) – Lands, Water and Department of Primary Industries (DPI) about the above matter.

The following advice for you to consider is from DPIE Water and Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR). DPIE Crown Lands and DPI will provide a separate response.

**DPIE – Water and Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)**

The SEARs should include:

- The identification of an adequate and secure water supply for the life of the project. This includes confirmation that water can be sourced from an appropriately authorised and reliable supply. This is also to include an assessment of the current market depth where water entitlement is required to be purchased.
- A detailed and consolidated site water balance.
- Assessment of impacts on surface and ground water sources (both quality and quantity), related infrastructure, adjacent licensed water users, basic landholder rights, watercourses, riparian land, and groundwater dependent ecosystems, and measures proposed to reduce and mitigate these impacts.
- Proposed surface and groundwater monitoring activities and methodologies.
- Consideration of relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, including the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy (2012), the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (2018) and the relevant Water Sharing Plans (available at <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water>).

Any further referrals to DPIE – NRAR & Water can be sent by email to:  
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Yours sincerely

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