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Dear Mr Clydsdale

**Newcastle Jockey Club – New Stables Complex Project (SSD-12982045)
EIS**

I refer to your email of 13 October 2021 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

Newcastle Jockey club have submitted an EIS for the proposed new stables complex at the Newcastle Racecourse, comprising of demolition of an existing equine pool, workshops, sheds and stalls with the construction of new stables, ancillary buildings and car parking.

The following recommendation is provided by NRAR.

Post Approval:

- The proponent must ensure sufficient water entitlement is held in a water access licence/s to account for the maximum predicted take for each water source prior to take occurring unless an exemption under the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018* applies.

Comments:

Both the EIS and Geotechnical report state groundwater inflows have been observed from 2.4 meters below current ground level. There is no estimate of volume of water which is to be intercepted except a note in the EIS page 110 that states a water access licence is required if more than 3ML is extracted and that is not anticipated. Please note the less than 3ML exemption which was referenced in the EIS only applies if the water is not for consumptive use or supply (as per under Schedule 4 Clause 7 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*).

Any further referrals to DPIE Water and NRAR can be sent by email to water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au or to the following coordinating officer within DPIE Water:

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