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Dear Mr Phillips

Stratford Extension Project – NSW Office of Water Comment on Revised Conditions of Consent

Reference is made to your email referral dated 11 March 2015 requesting comment on the draft revised conditions of consent for the Stratford Extension Project, in response to the PAC recommendations. Office of Water has reviewed the proposed conditions and provides the following comments.

Condition 32: Water Management Performance Measures

In relation to the stream diversion of tributary of Avondale Creek it is recommended that the following additions and amendments be included:

- Establish and maintain geomorphic stability of the diversion channel using appropriate revegetation and stabilisation techniques. The use of concrete and gabion basket structures is not supported.
- Demonstrate that the channel is appropriately vegetated and stabilised prior to the release of flows into the diversion.

Condition 33: Water Management Plan

In relation to 33(c)(i) the following amendment is recommended:

- Sources and security of water supply including **details of Water Access Licenses held, and** contingency supply for future reporting periods.

In relation to 33 (c)(ii) dot point 5, sub dot point 3, the following amendment is recommended:

- surface water flows **(with a focus on base flow and low flows)** and quality in the watercourses potentially affected by the development

In relation to 33 (c)(iv) dot point 1, the following amendment is recommended:

- minimise **and manage** the cumulative water quality **and quantity** impacts of these developments

If you require further information regarding Office of Water's comments, please contact Alison Collaros, Senior Water Regulation Officer on Alison.collaros@dpi.nsw.gov.au or (02) 4904 2527.

Yours sincerely



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