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Subject: Surface Water Management Plan Approval – Emergency Water Releases

Dear Mr Kirkwood

I refer to your letter dated 27 May 2025, requesting approval of the Stratford Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) (Revision 4B, May 2025). I understand that the revisions to this SWMP are in response to the heavy rainfall and recent natural disaster declaration and will allow emergency discharges to occur in conjunction with a variation to the site Environment Protection Licence 5161.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions in consent.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the SWMP and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melanie Hollis on 8217 2043.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evans".

Jessie Evans
Director
Resource Assessments

as nominee of the Planning Secretary