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Dear Ms Hollis

**Bengalla Continuation Project Modification 4 (SSD 5170 MOD 4)  
Request for comment on Statement of Environmental Effects**

I refer to your email of 15 January 2018 to the Department of Industry in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Crown Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries. Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to [landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

The department has reviewed the Statement of Environmental Effects and has no objections to the proposal. The following recommended conditions are provided for consideration in assessment of the proposal:

- 1 That the proponent be required to install a shallow alluvial monitoring bore down gradient of the new Dry Creek East Dam and include in the Water Management Plan.
- 2 That the proponent be required to update the Water Management Plan in consultation with Dol Water.

**Additional comment**

Further information will be required in the amended Water Management Plan on how the following dams will be operated (years 15 onwards) and how these dams will be appropriately licensed or accounted for: future raw water dam, Endwall Dam, Bengalla East Sediment Dam (Homestead Dam), Bengalla West Sediment Dam (Farm Dam), Ramp Dam, Dry Creek Clean Water Dam 1 (CW1), North Dump Sediment Dam.

Table 4.2 of the Surface Water Assessment indicates that the surface water management system will include a number of clean water dams at years 15 and 24 (previously sediment dams in subsequently rehabilitated areas). Because these are indicated to be clean water dams, the volume of water held would need to be accounted for. It appears that these clean water dams would exceed harvestable rights.

Whilst the operation of these dams does not appear to have been changed under the proposed modification, it is recommended that the proponent provide further information within the amended Water Management Plan on operation of these dams at years 15 and 24 and how these dams will be appropriately licensed or accounted for.

Yours sincerely

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