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Sara,

Advice by NSW Office of Water below.

Will follow under formal DPI letterhead shortly.

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The Office of Water recommends the project ensure appropriate stormwater management/water quality control is incorporated as part of the proposal both in the short term and long term, particularly as a number of watercourses and wetlands (Endangered Ecological Community Freshwater Wetlands on Coastal floodplains) occur within the adjacent Lot 2 which drain to the Bega River (see Flora and Fauna Report, page 22 and 23).

The Office of Water requests additional assessment to address the potential impacts of discharge of water from the site to adjacent watercourses and wetlands, and the requirements of the NSW Wetlands Management Policy. Despite the fact that the EIS notes the wetlands on Lot 2 are degraded, it is recommended the project ensure it is not going to further degrade the wetlands. The Office of Water encourages land use and management practices that maintain or rehabilitates wetland habitats and processes. It is recommended the project maintain or restore the natural water regime and water entering the wetlands is of a sufficient quality so as not to degrade the wetlands.

The EIS proposes on-site stormwater detention systems as a mitigation measure to detain flows so they can be slowly released to ensure peak storm flows do not exceed that of the existing site for storm events up to and including a 1 in 2 year storm event (see page 75). The Stormwater Management Strategy and Plan shows water from the detention basins is to be discharged into the watercourses which are connected to the wetlands. The proposed 1 in 2 storm event for detention does not appear to meet the criteria to protect the wetlands for quality and quantity purposes, hence further consideration of this issue is requested.

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