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Dear Ms Roach,

**Bega Valley Health Services development, Bega (SSD5307-2012)
Response to exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to your letter dated 15 October 2012 to the NSW Office of Water, a division within the Department of Primary Industries (DPI), in respect to the above matter.

Comment by the NSW Office of Water is detailed in Attachment A. For further information please contact Janne Grose, Planning and Assessment Coordinator (Penrith office) on 4729 8262 or at: Janne.Grose@water.nsw.gov.au.

It is noted that there is a Crown road adjacent to the southern boundary of the site. The proponents need to be aware that any proposed use of this road, either for construction purposes, or within any future stages of the development, will require approval from the Catchment & Lands (Crown Lands) division of DPI. Contact in this regard if required should be made to Karen Fowler, Manager South Coast (Nowra office) on 4428 9107 or at: Karen.Fowler@lands.nsw.gov.au.

To assist DPI in making coordinated responses, future referrals should be made to DPI as a whole, to:

- for electronic referrals: landuse.enquiries@industry.nsw.gov.au
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Yours sincerely

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Attachment A

Bega Valley Health Services development, Bega (SSD5307-2012) Response to exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement Comment by NSW Office of Water

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.

End Attachment A
