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Dear Ms Burn

**GHD response to DPI's Response to Submissions for Lucas Heights Resource Recovery  
Park expansion project (SSD-6835)**

I refer to your email of 8 August 2016 to the Department of Primary Industries regarding the above matter.

Comment by DPI Water

DPI Water has reviewed the GHD response to DPI's Response to Submissions (RTS) and provides the following comments:

Issue 1 Riparian Zone

GHD confirms that the project proposes a 10 m wide vegetated riparian zone either side of the creek in accordance with the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land and the previous plans will be revised to take account of the proposed land use and vegetated riparian zone width. It also notes the plans will consider opportunities to increase the width of the vegetated riparian zone beyond 10 m wherever possible.

The original Development Consent (DA No. 11-01-99) granted by the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning on 12 Nov 1999, included conditions (107-121) which required a rehabilitation plan to be prepared for the length of Mill Creek on the site. The 2006 Plan that was prepared required a 20 m wide riparian corridor be provided either side of the creek. While the current proposal for a 10 m wide riparian corridor is consistent with [DPI Water Guidelines for Riparian Corridors on Waterfront Land](#), the Department of Planning and Environment should be aware that if the original DA is still in force it may be inconsistent with the current proposal. Any inconsistency should be resolved prior to determination of the project

Issue 2 Macroinvertebrate Monitoring

DPI has no further comment on this issue.

Issue 3 Consultation with DPI

The response from the proponent supports this request, and as such if SSD-6835 is approved, it is recommended a condition of approval is included to consult with DPI Water on the preparation of all relevant management plans including any update to the *Mill Creek Stream Rehabilitation and Stabilisation and Vegetation Management Plan* and plans that address groundwater monitoring and management.

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Yours sincerely



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