



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Cheong,

**Remediation, Renewal and Adaptive Re-Use of Campbells Stores, The Rocks
(SSD_7056)
Response to exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to your email dated 18 November 2015 requesting advice from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter.

Comment has been sought from DPI Water and Fisheries. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au. DPI Fisheries advise no issues. DPI Water comments are provided below.

Comment by DPI Water

DPI Water has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Remediation, Renewal and Adaptive Re-Use of Campbell's Stores, The Rocks, and provides the following comments for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

Groundwater/Dewatering for excavation and construction

Any take of water as a result of minor temporary dewatering activities that is estimated to be less than 3ML/yr will generally not require a licence or approval from DPI Water. It is the proponent's responsibility to assess and monitor water take and impacts, and advise DPI Water if they exceed these conditions, at which time a licence must be obtained. The proponent must also meet all requirements of other agencies and consent authorities as per usual.

Any dewatering activity for minor temporary construction works that is estimated to exceed 3ML/yr must obtain a licence under Part 5 of the Water Act 1912 prior to commencing the activity. The licence will be issued on a temporary basis only, usually up to 12 months.

This guidance applies to short term minor temporary dewatering activities only. It does not apply to longer term activities, such as permanent dewatering of basement areas. Long term dewatering activities will require volumetric licensing in accordance with the provisions of the *Water Management Act 2000* and the *Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources*.

For further information please contact Rohan Macdonald, Water Regulation Officer, Major Projects (Newcastle Office) on 4904 2642 or at rohan.macdonald@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Isaacs', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mitchell Isaacs
Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice
17/12/2015