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Dear Mr Dwyer

**Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480)
Appointment of Experts**

I refer to your letter dated 23 October 2020 requesting the Planning Secretary's approval of a suitably qualified and experienced person to prepare the Groundwater component of the Water Management Plan for the Vickery Extension Project (SSD 7480).

The Department has reviewed the nomination and information you have provided and is satisfied that the chosen expert is suitably qualified and experienced.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary approves the appointment of Noel Merrick of SLR to prepare the Groundwater component of the Water Management Plan.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Philip Nevill on 02 8275 1036.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S O'Donoghue'.

Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary