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Dear Mr Hartcher

**URBN SURF - Open Water Surf Sports Lagoon Facility (7942)
Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to your email of 10 July 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of DPI. NSW Department of Industry - Lands are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI and may respond separately.

Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI provides the following comments for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

Licensing requirements

- A Water Access Licence may be required for any groundwater or surface water extraction for project water supply.
- Groundwater extraction for temporary dewatering may require a licence under Part 5 of the *Water Act 1912*, and details on the expected volume and duration of dewatering should be provided to DPI Water prior to extraction occurring.

Discharge of water from the surf lagoon

- The Water Treatment Monitoring Plan (Appendix 6 of Appendix 6) indicates that if Salmonella and Enterococci exceeds > 1000 counts the recommended action is to drain the surf pond (page 7 of 7). The Plan should clarify where the water is to be drained to and whether this is considered to be an emergency as:
 - Appendix 6 states “wastewater from the lagoon treatment process will be discharged to sewer” but it also states “emergency discharge of lagoon water will be via an existing drainage system discharging to the Nuwi wetland” (table 3, page 11)

- Appendix 10 states “no wastewater discharge to the environment”, “all lagoon wastewater will be discharged via the sewer” (point 1) and “lagoon water discharge via the existing drainage system to the Nuwi wetland” (point 2, page 64) and the emergency lagoon discharge point will be via an existing stormwater outlet to Nuwi wetland (page 64).

Yours sincerely



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DPI appreciates your help to improve our advice to you. Please complete this three minute survey about the advice we have provided to you, here:

<https://goo.gl/o8TXWz>