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Subject: Interpretation of Condition B48 of Schedule 2

Dear Mr Palmer

I refer to your letter dated 21 december 2022 seeking the Department's clarification regarding the intent of the following performance measure in condition B48 of Schedule 2 of the development consent for the Mangoola Continued Operations Project (SSD 8642):

Water levels must be managed so that the Raw Water Dam does not discharge water from the premises except in a 1 in 250 Annual Exceedance Probability 72- hour rainfall event or greater.

The Department understands that Mangoola is currently in discussions with the EPA regarding a proposed variation to its EPL in order to allow controlled releases from the Raw Water Dam to the Hunter River in accordance with the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS).

The Department has reviewed the previous assessment documentation relating to this performance measure and confirms that intent of the condition is to minimise uncontrolled spills from the Raw Water Dam up to the specified design standard.

The performance measure does not prevent licenced discharges from the Raw Water Dam so long as the discharges are undertaken in accordance with Mangoola's EPL and the provisions of the HRSTS.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Joe Fittell on (02) 4908 6896.

Yours sincerely



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