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Dear Ms Mannix

RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS - MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, 35 HONEYSUCKLE DRIVE NEWCASTLE (SSD 17_8999)

I refer to the Response to Submissions (RTS) for the Mixed Use Development at 35 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle (SSD 17_8999) and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Hunter New England Population Health has reviewed the RTS and is satisfied that the proponent has addressed the majority of our issues of concern surrounding this proposal.

As mentioned in the RTS by the proponent, the following points could be added as conditions in any approval to ensure that mosquito management and stormwater management and reuse is addressed during and after the construction phase.

- As this development is within 400 meters of an international first port of entry under the International Health Regulations, there is potential for exotic mosquitoes (imported through shipping vessels and/or containers) to establish and spread exotic diseases including dengue. Thus a Mosquito Management Plan containing a risk assessment should be included to ensure potential mosquito breeding sites are identified. eg. natural or constructed wetlands, stormwater drains and low lying areas. A Mosquito Management Plan will also assist to prevent both nuisance biting mosquitoes and disease transmitting mosquitoes affecting workers, employees, visitors and the local population. The proponent should consult the Department of Medical Entomology at the University of Sydney when drafting the Mosquito Management Plan to address both native and exotic mosquito risks.
- The proposed Stormwater Management re-use system will need to comply with the *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks (phase 1)* 2006.

If you require any additional information in relation to this matter, please contact Cindy Gliddon, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6468 or via email at cindy.gliddon@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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