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Dear Mr Saini

Newcastle Inner City Bypass (SSI 6888) Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement

I refer to your email of 11 November 2016 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

DPI has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement and provides the following recommendations:

- The proponent should undertake all works, in accordance with [DPI Water's Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land](#).
- Where riparian land /vegetation is permanently removed by the project the riparian area should be offset either at the work site or elsewhere along the relevant watercourse.
- The EIS indicated the potential for upstream migration of an existing gully head located downstream of the proposed bridge over watercourse 2. The proponent should give further consideration of the need to stabilise this site to mitigate future risk to road infrastructure and ongoing sedimentation in the watercourse.
- The proponent should provide further detail regarding the reshaping of watercourse 2 and the cross-drainage culverts proposed for watercourses 3 and 4 during detailed design.
- It is noted impacts to downstream Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) would be mitigated by discharging groundwater inflow back into local watercourses that support these GDEs. Implementation and monitoring of this activity should be addressed in development of the relevant management plan.
- Any approval of the project should include conditions requiring the preparation of the following plans in consultation with DPI Water:
 - Construction Groundwater and Dewatering Management
 - Operational Groundwater Management

- Soil and Water Management
- Mine Remediation Management (if required)

Yours sincerely



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Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice
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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>