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**Subject: Hunter Indoor Sports Centre – (SSD-65595459) – Amendment Report and
Response to Submissions**

Dear Teresa Gizzi

I refer to your request for advice sent on 18 August 2025 to the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water- (DCCEEW) Water Group about the above matter.

NSW DCCEEW Water has reviewed the Response to Submissions and is satisfied with the information. A post determination recommendation is provided in regard to water take and licensing which is detailed in Attachment A. The proposed amendments do not raise any issues which require comment.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this submission please do not hesitate to contact DCCEEW Water Assessments at water.assessments@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment A

Detailed advice regarding the Hunter Indoor Sports Centre (SSD-65595459) – RTS and Amendment Report

1.0 Water take and licensing

1.1 Recommendation – post approval

That Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requests the proponent to obtain a water access licence (WAL) to account for the maximum predicted water take for construction and operation activities unless an exemption applies under the Water Management (General) Regulation 2025 (WM Reg).

Explanation

Under the *Water Management Act 2000*, if groundwater is intercepted a WAL must be obtained prior to any water take occurring unless an exemption under the Water Management (General) Regulation 2025 applies. An exemption may be available under Clause 19 of Schedule 4 of the WM Reg if water take is less than or equal to 3 ML per water year, subject to the development meeting other exemption requirements, such as:

- the water is not taken for consumption or supply;
- the person claiming the exemption keeps a record of the water taken under the exemption and provides this to the Minister within 28 days of the end of the water year; and
- the records are kept for 5 years.

Further information on these requirements and other information on licensing and approvals and exemptions, including a form to report and record water taken can be found at:

<https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-trade> and [Groundwater access licence exemptions | NSW Government Water](#).

End Attachment A
