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Appointment of an independent chairperson to the Belmont Drought Response Desalination Plant Community Consultative Committee

Dear Mr Zhang

I am writing to inform you that Dr Colin Gellatly (AO) has been appointed as the independent chairperson to the Belmont Drought Response Desalination Plant Community Consultative Committee (CCC).

Dr Gellatly has been selected from the department's pool of independent chairpersons based on their experience in stakeholder and community engagement.

Appointment of the chairperson is the first step in establishing the CCC for the Belmont Drought Response Desalination Plant Community Consultative Committee.

Dr Gellatly has returned a signed code of conduct agreement and a declaration of interest form. The department is satisfied that there is no conflict of interest.

As the proponent, you must pay the chairperson's standard fees, and other required costs associated with the operation of the committee. You must also liaise directly with the chairperson on matters relating to the establishment and ongoing operations of the CCC. The chairperson will contact you to discuss the next steps for the establishment of the Belmont Drought Response Desalination Plant Community Consultative Committee.

Dr Gellatly can be contacted by phone on: 0417 203-249 and by email at colingellatly@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Nick Hearfield on 8217-2039 or at nick.hearfield@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glenn Snow".

Glenn Snow

Director

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