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Dear Mr ~~Ward~~ *Gareth*

Thank you for your representations on behalf of Mr Ralph Stadius about the Minnamurra River pollution.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has advised me that it investigated Mr Stadius' report to Environment Line on 7 July 2021 which alleged possible discharge into Rocklow Creek at Dunmore from two sites licensed by the EPA.

Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd (Boral) operates a hard rock quarry and Dunmore Sand & Soil Pty Ltd (Dunmore Sands) operates a wet sand mine which is adjacent to the quarry. Both premises are part of the Boral Group.

I understand that the EPA reviewed the information provided by Mr Stadius and confirmed the alleged pollution was in a tributary and not Rocklow Creek. Dunmore Sands' discharge into the tributary is manually controlled via a valve and the Boral quarry does not discharge to the tributary. However, Boral sampled the tributary at the EPA's request. Mr Stadius was informed of the EPA's investigation outcome including that sample results were within licence limits and the pollution source could not be determined.

I am also advised that the EPA has reviewed the claim that Mr Stadius did not received a response to a further report made on 22 July 2021. A review of the information logged by Mr Stadius has found that this call was overlooked. The EPA is reviewing its internal processes to identify the cause of the issue to ensure the event is not repeated. The EPA sincerely apologises for not responding to the last call made by Mr Stadius.

The EPA will continue to regulate Boral's licenses and monitor any water sampling results for licensed discharge points. The EPA takes breaches of New South Wales Environment Protection Legislation very seriously and takes necessary regulatory action for any breaches.

Thank you for bringing Mr Stadius' concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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