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Subject: RE: Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements - Somersby Drill Mud and Oily Water Recycling - SSD-62863964

Dear Ms Barnet

The Local Water Utilities Branch in the Water Group of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water would like to provide the following comments on the above proposal:

- The development proposes to discharge maximum of 220 kilo litres of pretreated wastewater daily from the facility to sewer network
- It will consume a substantial portion of the treatment works capacity and may lead to the need of early augmentation
- All other sustainable reuse options need to be considered before discharging to the sewer network
- Batch testing and approval for discharge of each batch would be a requirement for this type of waste. Continuous discharge is not supported to protect the sewage treatment process from unknown contaminants.

If further information regarding this is required, please contact Nick Sutton Manager Regulatory Assessment (0436 915 659), Water Operations Resilience, Local Water Utilities Branch.

Yours sincerely



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