

**Paul Freeman - Mackas Sand Modification 08\_0142 MOD 1**

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Hi Paul

As discussed on the phone this morning, Hunter Water has reviewed the EA provided for the Mackas Sand Development.

Please note that Hunter Water's response remains unchanged from our response of 23 January 2012 in relation to the previous EA. Please find original response attached for your records.

As indicated by this previous response the change in access road alignment is almost entirely outside the Drinking Water Catchments as regulated by the *Hunter Water Regulation 2010*. Therefore Hunter Water does not have any specific comments as to the road's alignment.

Additionally Hunter Water endorses comments made by the NSW Office of Water in regard to the Extraction Depth Limit, specifically that if the modification is approved, it is made effective by the variation of Condition 7(b) of Schedule 2 of the Project Approval in order to keep the Special Areas Approval consistent.

Once again I also wish to clarify Hunter Water's position on the use of the Hunter Water Easement which neighbours the site. It is my belief that page 4.21 incorrectly states Hunter Water's position on the future use of this easement. As per our Submission in January, our position is that Hunter Water may develop borefields within this easement during a time of drought, however potential future development of borefields is not limited to this area exclusively.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 4979 9469.

Kind Regards

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