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Dear Ms Sarkies

**Mixed Use Development, 42 Honeysuckle Drive (SSD 8440)
Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to the email of 2 February 2018 to the Department of Industry in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries.

Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

The department has reviewed the EIS and provides the following recommendations and comments for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

Recommendations

- The proponent should quantify water take requirements under the Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources 2016, both during and post-construction.
- The proponent should assess the potential impacts of the proposal against the provisions of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy (2012).

Comments

The proposed development includes excavation works as well as deep piling for piers between 4 and 8 m in depth. The SEARs issued on 2 June 2017 required the EIS to address "licensing requirements (including details of groundwater dewatering required during the construction phase and that for ongoing water take following completion of the project)".

Lands & Water has reviewed the EIS and does not consider that the SEARs have been adequately addressed as the extraction requirements of the construction dewatering has not been defined. Additionally, while section 5.12 of the EIS states that the Geotechnical Investigation Report compiled by Douglas Partners provides detail that indicates that the development will be able to comply with the Aquifer Interference Policy (2012), there has been no assessment against the 'minimal impact considerations' of the policy.

Yours sincerely



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