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Director General NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Tracy Bellamy, Planner

Dear Tracy,

RE: AGL Newcastle Gas Storage Facility Mod 2 (MP10_0133)

I refer to your request for Hunter Water's input on the proposed Modification to the Newcastle Gas Storage Facility.

The development falls within Tomago Sandbed Special Area which protects the Tomago Sandbed drinking water source (Appendix A). These Sandbeds supply 20-25% of drinking water to the Lower Hunter. In accordance with the *Hunter Water Regulation 2010*, the ongoing ecological health of this catchment is of a paramount importance to provide safe drinking water to Hunter Water customers.

Hunter Water has reviewed the Environmental Assessment provided and has determined that provided the Modification is carried out in adherence to the stated commitments there will not be any adverse effect on the Tomago Sandbeds.

If you require further advice or clarification regarding the submission please do not hesitate to contact Declan Clausen on (02) 4979 9469 or <u>wrdevelopments@hunterwater.com.au</u>.

Yours Sincerely,

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