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**Attention: Belinda Scott**

Dear Belinda

**PICTON SEWERAGE SCHEME - BOUNDARY EXPANSION  
MODIFICATION REQUEST (1997 – 01 - 15 MOD 3) – CONSULTATION**

I refer to the letter of 10 January 2011 requesting the NSW Office of Water's (Office of Water) comments regarding the proposed modification for the Picton Sewerage Scheme. The Office of Water provides the following comments for consideration:

- The Assessment Report (AR) indicates the extra treated effluent produced by the Picton water recycling plant would be used for irrigation or discharged to Stonequarry Creek in precautionary discharges. The modification proposal needs to address how it fits with the *Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region – Unregulated River Water Sources and Groundwater Sources* from a quantity and quality point of view and additional flow, so the flows are acceptable for the purpose of environmental flows.
- Section 3.4.1 of the AR notes the open trench excavations would typically include dewatering of the trenches, depending on the trench depth and groundwater levels. Section 5.3.4 of the AR also makes reference to "groundwater pumped out from excavations" but no further details are provided on the volume of water etc that is proposed to be pumped.
- The modification proposal may require approval under NSW water legislation. Licensing enquiries should be directed to the Office of Water, Licensing South Branch.

Should you require further information please contact Janne Grose, Planning and Assessment Coordinator on (02) 4729 8262 at the Penrith office.

Yours sincerely

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