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Dear Ms Ilias,

**CBD-South East Light Rail project (SSI 6042)
Response to exhibition of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your letter 13 November 2013 dated requesting advice from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter.

Comment by NSW Office of Water

The NSW Office of Water (Office of Water) has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and provides the following comments.


The EIS indicates that Transport for NSW is proposing to meet with the NSW Office of Water during the exhibition of the EIS to consult on the tunnel construction scenarios (page 2-13, Table 2.7, Volume 1A). The Office of Water requests a meeting in early 2014 with both Transport for NSW and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to discuss groundwater related issues associated with the proposal.

The Office of Water notes that the EIS has only undertaken a desk top groundwater assessment (page 10-25, Volume 1A) when the proposal involves intersecting the Botany Sands Aquifer to construct the proposed Moore Park tunnel (page 10-30, Volume 1A). While it is noted that additional assessment/investigation will be undertaken at the detailed design phase of the project (page 1-5, Appendix I), the Office of Water considers that more detailed groundwater assessment would be more appropriate for the likely scale of dewatering.

For further information please contact Janne Grose, Planning and Assessment Coordinator (Penrith office), (02) 4729 8262 or Janne.Grose@water.nsw.gov.au.

Other divisions within DPI do not have any comments on the EIS.

Yours sincerely

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A/Executive Director Business Services