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Attention: Nathan Stringer

Dear Ms Jones

Re Development Application – Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant Upgrade (SSD_6284)

I refer to your letter dated 21 January 2015 inviting comments from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the proposal to augment the Wagga Wagga Water Treatment Plant at Lot 2 DP 540063, Hammond Avenue, Wagga Wagga.

The EPA has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Stage 1 State Significant Development Application. We consider the current Environment Protection Licence (EPL) No. 614 held by Riverina Water County Council (RWCC) adequately addresses most of the operational aspects of the activity.

The EPL contains conditions regulating the discharge of filter backwash wastewater into Marshall's Creek. The EPA notes the proposed increase in the annual volume discharged and raises no objection provided the discharge does not exceed the water quality limits on the EPL.

In addition, the EPA recommends that the Department's conditions of approval include the following requirements.

- Prepare and implement an erosion and sediment control plan in accordance with *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* (Landcom, 2004) to prevent the pollution of waters during construction;
- Implement measures to control and minimise dust from the premises during the construction phase;
- Design, build and operate the new plant to achieve the project specific noise levels identified in Section 6.9.6 in the EIS; and
- Implement the best practice approaches described in the *Interim Guidelines for Construction Noise* to minimise noise impacts during the construction phase.

Should the Project be approved, RWCC will need to apply to the EPA to increase the volume discharge limit and to add noise limit conditions identified in the EIS to their EPL.

If you require further information about this matter please contact Amanda Baldwin by telephoning 02 6932 9123.

Yours sincerely



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