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Re: Environmental Assessment for Water and Wastewater Servicing of the West Dapto Urban Release Area

Dear Belinda,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important Environmental Assessment. Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority is currently not in a position to provide a detailed response due to the conflicting statutory priority of Catchment Action Plan (CAP) review. The CAP is a whole of government document that provides the strategic direction for natural resource management in the region. The proposed development should be consistent with the priorities outlined in the current CAP.

As a minimum Southern Rivers CMA suggests that infrastructure be located such that it does not adversely impact on the creeks and rivers of the project area or on the associated riparian zones. Impacts on Threatened Species, Populations and Ecological Communities as identified in table 6-19 of the Environmental Assessment should be minimised, with the location of proposed infrastructure located outside of existing habitats.

Please contact Jason Carson on 4429 4446 if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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