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Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Ms Ellen Jones

By email: ellen.jones@planning.nsw.gov.au

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Dear Ms Jones

Eraring Power Station Ash Dam Expansion MOD 1 (MP 07_2284) Modification Request Exhibition

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 12 September 2018, seeking the EPA's advice on the recommended conditions of consent for the proposed expansion of the Eraring Power station ash dam, located near the township of Dora Creek in the Lake Macquarie local government area.

The EPA understands the proposal involves the expansion of the Eraring Power Station Ash Dam to increase the storage capacity by an additional 5,000,000 m³ and augmentation of associated infrastructure.

The EPA has assessed the document titled "Ash Dam Augmentation Project, Environmental Assessment" (AECOM, 15/08/2018) and is satisfied that the EPA's areas of responsibility have been adequately addressed. Therefore, the EPA can recommend conditions of approval to the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE).

The EPA recommends that the following conditions be included as conditions of approval:

- The proponent must undertake the augmentation of the ash dam at the Eraring Power Station in accordance with the proposal as detailed in the document titled "Ash Dam Augmentation Project, Environmental Assessment" (AECOM, 15/08/2018) unless superseded by any conditions of a project approval or an environment protection licence issued by the EPA.
- Where there are any variations to the predictions contained in the environmental assessment, the proponent must immediately notify relevant authorities of the variation, the cause of the variation, and the action being taken to address the variation.

Please note that environment protection licence 1429 applies to the Eraring Power Station and is currently under review.

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Yours Sincerely

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