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Dear Mr O'Donoghue

Re: Exhibition of Modification Request for
Eraring Power Station Ash Expansion (MP 07_2284 MOD1)

I refer to your letter dated 11.09.18 advising of the Modification Request (MP 07_2284 MOD1) for the Eraring Power Station Ash Expansion.

The NSW Office of Sport has a number of concerns relating to this modification. As the State Sporting Venues Authority, the Office operates the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre less than 450 metres from the dam. The respective property boundaries face each other across Wangi Road. The Sport and Recreation Centre catered for 26,487 guests in 2017-18 financial year consisting of school groups, with residential accommodation provided on site for extended activity programs.

There are five concerns the Office of Sport has with the proposed modification project:

- Construction phase -Traffic congestion
- Construction phase - Noise
- On-going - Air quality
- On-going - Crooked Creek siltation
- Proposal – Embankment increased by eight metres

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The Office of Sport is concerned with the increased traffic during the construction phase and how will it impact on the free access to our facility. We request to be kept informed and consulted on any changes to the existing access arrangements.

NOISE

The proposal lists the nearest residential area as Eraring but the Sport and Recreation Centre is only 400 metres from the dam wall itself (compared to 1.6 kilometres for nearest residential area). Comfort of our customers is of utmost importance and any detrimental noise impact may have negative consequences for our business. As noted above, the centre provided overnight residential accommodation to 18,044 guests ranging from 2 to 4 nights and was occupied for 87% of the year.

As a minimum, we request the proposed hours of construction be modified to no discernible noise from 4pm Friday to Monday morning (currently proposed hours of construction are 7am-6pm weekdays and 8am-1pm on Saturdays) and consideration of respite periods to interrupt long periods of noise impact.

AIR QUALITY

There have been several incidents during dry and medium winds of severe dust pollution from the power station over our site. We request stringent conditions be placed on any planning approval to prevent this from recurring with the proposed works and requirements for air quality monitoring with publicly available data.

CROOKED CREEK

This creek is partially fed by the spillway from the ash dam and arches along the northern edge of the Sport and Recreation Centre. The creek is silted up and no longer effective environmentally or for any water based activities. We request that there be an environmental assessment of the current status of the creek and that the proponent be required to rehabilitate the creek prior to the commencement of any works associated with the proposed modification. Any rehabilitation activity should also consider the potential impact of the ash dam post the works associated with the modification.

EMBANKMENT INCREASED BY EIGHT METRES

Part of the preferred option requires raising the existing dam embankment by eight metres. The increase in height and in storage poses an increased risk of flooding downstream to the Sport and Recreation Centre. We request that the conditions of consent include a requirement to mitigate this risk through changing the design and/or reinforcing the relevant structures and providing an alternative overland flow away from Crooked Creek and the Sport and Recreation Centre.

The Office of Sport acknowledges there has historically been cooperation between its Sport and Recreation Centre and the operators of Eraring Power Station to our mutual benefit. With this particular modification we are seeking to have appropriate mitigation measures and rehabilitation works which will help minimise the impact to the Centre from expanding the ash dam facility and address some of the on-going systemic issues.

Yours sincerely



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