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Dear Megan

Parkes Hospital Redevelopment – Exhibition of EIS [SSD-6107][Our Ref: ER22862]

The NSW Office of Water has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Parkes Hospital Redevelopment modification. The following comments and recommended condition of approval are provided to assist in finalising the assessment of the project.

- The Geotechnical Investigation Report (Appendix Q) details 12 boreholes were drilled at the site to a depth of 5-6m. No groundwater was encountered within the boreholes and no groundwater monitoring wells were installed. The borehole logs indicate rock was intercepted at between 0.9 – 2.3m below ground level. Interpretation by Office of Water of the bulk Earthworks Plan of the Civil and Structural Report (Appendix O) indicates the excavation requirements will be up to approximately 3m. Based on this information and consideration of nearby borelogs the NSW Office of Water concurs that groundwater is unlikely to be intercepted during excavation for the project.
- Section 2.2 of the Civil and Structural Report (Appendix O) refers to a proposed stormwater detention pond in the north-west of the site. Further detail is requested to confirm whether this pond is to be designed to drain completely following a rain event or whether there is the intention to retain water. If water is to be retained within the pond, this will need to be considered within the Maximum Harvestable Rights Dam Capacity (MHRDC) for the property. Further detail on MHRDC can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-Licensing/Basic-water-rights/Harvesting-runoff/default.aspx>

Recommended Condition of Approval

- The proponent shall prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan for the project prior to commencement of activities. This plan must be developed in consultation with the NSW Office of Water.

Yours sincerely

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