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Attention Belinda Scott

Dear Ms Mitchell

**Exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
Nepean River Pump and Pipeline (SSD-5225)**

I refer to your correspondence dated 13 October 2014 notifying the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) of the above proposal. The SCA has the following comments for the Department to consider:

- **Environmental flows:** The SCA is required to release environmental flows from the dams it operates upstream of the proposed pumping site. The SCA's position is that pumping arrangements should not cause there to be changes to the SCA's environmental flow requirements that would be detrimental to the Authority. The SCA considers the NSW Office of Water should provide advice to the Department on this issue.
- **Fish passage:** The SCA has constructed and maintains a fish passage structure at Penrith Weir. The SCA would be concerned if pumping downstream of the weir reduced the effectiveness of the structure. Fisheries NSW should provide advice to the Department on this issue.
- **Flood risk to the Development:** The SCA notes that the EIS has assessed the flood risk to the development. The SCA requests the Department consider the decisions of the Government on the review into flood management and preparedness in the Hawkesbury Nepean valley. These may result in changes to flood risk and have implications for pump infrastructure and the adjacent disturbed riverbank.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact me on 4724 2452.

Yours sincerely

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