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NSW Department of Planning and Environment

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Dear Ms Dickson

**Mixed Use Residential and Commercial Development, 21 Honeysuckle Drive,
Newcastle (8019)
Comment on the Response to Submissions (RTS)**

I refer to your email of 1 Dec 2017 to the Department of Industry in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of Crown Lands & Water and Department of Primary Industries.

Any further referrals to Department of Industry can be sent by email to
landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

The department has reviewed the RTS and considers that matters previously raised in response to the Environmental Impact Statement sent on 21 August 2017 have not been adequately addressed.

The proponent has not provided an assessment of the minimal impact considerations of the [NSW Aquifer Interference Policy \(2012\)](#) and the volumetric extraction requirements of the construction dewatering have not been defined.

The RTS outlines that consultation has been undertaken with the "Office of Water", yet Crown Lands & Water has no record of any such liaison with the agency.

The Department of Industry reiterates the previous response and advises that the proponent should:

- Quantify water take requirements under the Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources 2016, both during and post-construction.
- Assess the potential impacts of the proposal against the provisions of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy (2012).

Yours sincerely



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