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Dear Ms Masters,

**Calibre Eastern Creek Concept Plan (MP 09_0099 Mod 4) and
Staged Development (SSD_6962) - Proposed Modification**

I refer to your email dated 4 August 2015 requesting advice from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter.

Comment by DPI Water

DPI Water has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for SSD-6962 and the Concept Plan modification and provides the following comments.

Groundwater

The EIS notes there will be no cutting below the level that groundwater was encountered at the site and significant groundwater inflows into the excavations are not anticipated (page 56). It also indicates any excavation is not expected to reduce the groundwater table depth or quality.

If groundwater is likely to be intercepted or extracted, depending on the volumes encountered and the duration of pumping, an authorisation may be required from the DPI Water in relation to construction excavation and dewatering activities.

If groundwater is anticipated to be encountered, the proponent should provide advice on the likely inflows (in consultation with DPI Water if necessary), otherwise a relevant management plan should include a provision requiring contact with DPI Water should groundwater be encountered during construction, as outlined below.

Statement of Commitments

Statement of Commitments (7) in the EIS indicates that a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is to be prepared (see Table 16, page 64). It is recommended the SOC is amended to include that the CEMP is to address the procedures that will be followed if groundwater is encountered during

construction works, and include the need to contact the DPI Water in such a situation.
For further information please contact Janne Grose, Planning and Assessment Coordinator (Perith office) on 8838 7505 or at janne.grose@dpi.nsw.gov.au.
DPI Fisheries, DPI Agriculture and DPI Lands have no comments relating to the modification.

Yours sincerely



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