



# Department of Industry

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Dear Mr Groundwater

**University of Newcastle, Honeysuckle City Campus Concept Proposal (SSD 9262)  
EIS Exhibition**

I refer to your email of 30 July 2018 to the Department of Industry (DoI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of 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](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

The department provides the following comments and recommendations for consideration in assessment of the proposal.

- The potential impacts ('minimal impact considerations') of the proposal against the provisions of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy (2012) should be assessed.
- Water take requirements should be quantified under the Water Sharing Plan for the North Coast Coastal Sands Groundwater Sources 2016, both during and post-construction.
- The other guidelines/policies that should be addressed by the proposal (if applicable) are:
  - Australian Groundwater Modelling Guidelines (2012)
  - Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores in Australia (2012)
  - Department of Industry – Water's 'Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land' (2012)

Yours sincerely

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