Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Flanagan,

Genesis Waste Management Facility (MP06_0239 Mod 5)
Comment on the Response to Submissions Report

I refer to your email dated 22 May 2015 to the Department of Primary Industries in respect to the above matter.

Comment by NSW Office of Water
The Office of Water has reviewed the proponent's response to submissions report for the Genesis Waste Facility - Mod 5 Pre-sort enclosure.

Two issues were identified in the Office of Water's submission on the EIS, and the proponent has responded to both of these.

Groundwater
The Office of Water acknowledges the proponent's response that only minor volumes of groundwater are expected to be intercepted.

If a 'formal dewatering system' is required, the Office of Water should be contacted to ensure there are no additional licensing requirements.

The Office of Water requests that the proponent is required to keep a record of pumping from the excavation, including volume and/or pumping hours, and any relevant weather conditions.

Water supply
The Office of Water acknowledges the additional information supplied in relation to water supply.

The response did not clarify whether the OSD basin will capture clean and/or dirty water, which is necessary to determine any licensing requirements.

If it only captures dirty water, then a water licence is not required.

If it captures clean water as well as dirty water, then a licence may be required if the volume is in excess of the site's harvestable rights. More information on calculating

harvestable rights for surface water, including an online calculator, can be found on the Office of Water's website at www.water.nsw.gov.au/water-licensing/basic-water-rights/harvesting-runoff.

If the volume of clean water capture is in excess of harvestable rights, or the proponent is uncertain, they must contact the Office of Water to confirm any licensing requirements prior to taking any water from the basin.

The Office of Water does not require any further information prior to the modification being determined, however the proponent is reminded that taking water without the appropriate water licences may be an offence under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

For further information please contact Janne Grose, Water Regulation Officer on (02) 8838 7505 or at Janne.Grose@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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