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Dear Mr Schultz

**Bulli Seam Operations (MP 08_0150)
Water Management Plan - Extension of time**

I refer to your request (MP08_0150-PA-53) for an extension of time to submit a revised Water Management Plan as required under the conditions of consent for the Bulli Seam Operations Project (MP 08_0150).

It is noted that the Department has previously granted an extension for submission of the Water Management Plan until 30 November 2021. However, it is also noted, that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in NSW has continued to impact the ability and availability of personnel to access site, impacted manufacturing activity off site and created global shortages of supplies. I understand periods of wet weather have also resulted in delays.

I acknowledge that these delays have impacted the completion of construction of the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) on site to which the need for this revised Water Management Plan is linked. The Department has noted the significant construction progress that has been made.

Nevertheless, it is understood that there are ongoing delays for acquisition and delivery of critical components for the WTP and that the due date for the operation of the WTP may not be until 31 July 2022. Given the date for the submission of the revised Water Management Plan is linked to the date for completion of the WTP projects, the Department has accepted your request for an extension of time to submit the Water Management Plan.

Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 31 July 2022.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on jessie.evans@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Evans'.

Jessie Evans
Director
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As nominee of the Secretary

