



## Office of Environment & Heritage

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Dear Ms Jones

### RE: Googong Water Cycle Project – MOD 2.

Thank you for your letter, received by email on 26 March 2014, requesting input from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on Modification 2 to the Googong Township Integrated Water Cycle (IWC) Project. OEH provides the following comments on the Modification report, in relation to biodiversity and Aboriginal heritage.

#### Biodiversity

Based on the information provided in the report, OEH considers that the potential ecological impacts from the additional proposed discharge point at Googong Creek would be consistent with the approved IWC project. OEH supports a review of the Flora and Fauna Management Plan for the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) including the modification works, and the ongoing monitoring of aquatic ecology through the Water Management Plan.

#### Aboriginal heritage

OEH notes that Section 5.10 of the Modification report states there are no known heritage items located along the new pipeline alignment however there is no information as to how this was assessed. OEH advises a number of Aboriginal objects have been recorded within the Googong area and notably a number of Aboriginal sites are known to occur to the immediate south of the Googong Dam Road in close proximity to the proposed modification. As such, OEH recommends a more detailed consideration of potential impacts to Aboriginal heritage values be undertaken, if this has not already occurred, to ensure Aboriginal objects will not be harmed as part of the proposed modification. At the very least, an updated search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) should be undertaken to ensure no additional Aboriginal objects have been recorded within, or close to, the proposed modification area as part of other development proposals and activities that are also occurring within the Googong area.

OEH supports the commitment to review and update the Heritage Management Plan so as to include the proposed modification, if approved.

If you require any further advice on biodiversity matters, please contact Virginia Thomas on the telephone number above or at [virginia.thomas@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:virginia.thomas@environment.nsw.gov.au), or further advice on Aboriginal heritage matters, please contact Jackie Taylor at [jackie.taylor@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jackie.taylor@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, which appears to read 'Allison Treweek', followed by the date '8/4/18'.

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