



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Elliott,

Ravensworth Operations Project (DA09_0176 MOD 2) Proposed Modification

I refer to your email to the NSW Office of Water dated 14 October 2014 requesting advice in respect to the above matter.

Comment by NSW Office of Water

The NSW Office of Water has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed modification to the Ravensworth Operations Project. The following comments are provided for the Department of Planning & Environment's consideration in the assessment of the proposal and the proponent's consideration in ongoing operations.

The Office of Water notes from Figures 3 and 4 of the EA that the revised final landform would result in changes to the size and shape of the final void. This may have implications for ongoing groundwater inflows to the void which is predicted to act as a groundwater sink. The commitment to continue to manage operations in accordance with the Ravensworth Operations Water Management Plan is noted. The Office of Water requests that the plan be amended to incorporate the modification, including an evaluation of the impacts of the modification on long-term groundwater inflows.

The proponent is required to hold sufficient licensed entitlement to account for water take for all stages of the project (including post-operations). As such it is also requested that the proponent undertake to liaise with the Office of Water regarding licensing requirements to ensure appropriate accounting of all water take.

For further information please contact Rohan Macdonald, Water Regulation Officer, Major Projects (Newcastle Office) on 4904 2642 or at rohan.macdonald@water.nsw.gov.au.

Future referrals

It would be appreciated if all future referrals be forwarded or copied to the landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au address to ensure proper records are maintained and to ensure all agencies within the Department of Primary Industries are aware of proposed developments.

Yours sincerely



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