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Dear Ms Barnet,

Wagga Wagga Gasworks Remediation project (MP10_0040) Proposed modification.

I refer to your letter of 6 December 2012 requesting advice from the NSW Office of Water, a division within the Department of Primary Industries, in respect to the above matter.

Comment by NSW Office of Water

The NSW Office of Water advises as follows:

- (i) the proposal states that discharge criteria for ammonia and electrical conductivity (EC) will not be at the ANZECC 95% freshwater ecology levels based on several assumptions, including a single grab sample in the Murrumbidgee River and limited groundwater samples. The criteria proposed for ammonia (50 mg/L) and EC (5,000 S/cm) are not considered justified for the proposal.
- (ii) the Office of Water does not object to the proposal, however requests that ANZECC guidelines for protection of 95% freshwater ecology be adopted for all water quality parameters and the Water Management Plan be updated for the site including requirements for monitoring according to Environment Protection Authority requirements.

For further information please contact Dr Jodie Dabovic, Planning and Assessment Coordinator (Newcastle office) on 4904 2571 or at: jodie.dabovic@water.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by Fisheries NSW


Fisheries NSW seeks assurance that advice on this application will be sought from the Office of Environment & Heritage on whether the proposed discharges to the Murrumbidgee River from the water treatment plant are acceptable under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

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For further information please contact Trevor Daly, Fisheries Conservation Manager
(Batemans Bay office) on 4478 9103 or at: trevor.daly@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Anquetil', with a stylized, cursive script.

Phil Anquetil
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