



**Department of
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Dear Mr Brown

**Summer Hill Flour Mill Redevelopment (MP 10/0180)
Response to exhibition of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your letter of 11 March 2013 requesting advice from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter.

The NSW Office of Water, having reviewed the exhibited Environmental Assessment (EA), reiterates their previous advice that if the proposal is likely to intercept or use groundwater, a licence under relevant NSW water legislation is required. This is regardless of whether the groundwater affected is perched or not because all proposed groundwater works including bores for the purpose of investigation, extraction, dewatering, testing or monitoring must be identified and approval obtained from the Office of Water prior to their installation. Please refer to Attachment A for further detail in this regard.

For further information please contact Janne Grose, Planning and Assessment Coordinator on (02) 4729 8262 at the Penrith office.

Crown Lands, Fisheries NSW and Agriculture NSW do not have any comments on the EA.

Yours sincerely

Phil Anquetil
Executive Director Business Services

Attachment A

Summer Hill Flour Mill Redevelopment (MP10/0180) Response to exhibition of EA Additional comments by the NSW Office of Water

Groundwater

The Office of Water's submission of 24 November 2011, previously sought clarification as to whether the project is excavating into groundwater. The EA indicates that the proposed basement will not intersect the groundwater table, and on this basis the EA notes a detailed groundwater assessment is not required or justified in this instance (see Section 3.12, page 28).

Section 4.4 of Attachment 14 of the EA indicates depths of perched groundwater at between 2-2.5 metres and the unconfined aquifer standing at below 5 m. The covering letter indicates the basement level is founded at a depth of at most 3 m below ground surface with an average of 2.5m and states "the basement excavation does not intersect the groundwater table (which would be expected to be more so perched water ingress on top of the sandstone rock formation).

As previously advised if the proposal is likely to intercept or use groundwater, a licence under relevant NSW water legislation is required in relation to this development and the applicant is advised to contact the Office of Water licensing officer at the Parramatta Office (telephone: 02 8838 7531) in relation to this issue. Whether the groundwater affected is perched or not is irrelevant from a licensing perspective. All proposed groundwater works including bores for the purpose of investigation, extraction, dewatering, testing or monitoring must be identified and approval obtained from the Office of Water prior to their installation.

**End Attachment A
22 April 2013**
