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Attention: Deana Burn
Via: NSW Planning Portal

Dear Deana

**RE: REMONDIS RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY, TOMAGO – SSD-10447 –
ADVICE ON RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS**

Thank you for your referral of 17 June 2021 seeking Hunter Water's comments on the *Response to Submission* for the Remondis Resource Recovery Facility, located at 21D and 21F School Drive, Tomago. This letter follows previous advice provided by Hunter Water to NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, dated 3 February 2021, providing advice on the *Environmental Impact Statement*.

In response to submissions on the exhibited project, Hunter Water understands that the current proposal involves minor changes to the layout and operation of facility, namely:

- A vehicle washdown bay will be included within the heavy vehicle workshop. The washdown area will support full capture of water through the use of internal bunding and screens. Floor sumps will drain the water into an oil and water separator which will be pumped into a new 10kL holding tank, to be pumped offsite in accordance with Remondis' existing tankering agreement with Hunter Water.
- The Remediation Action Plan recommends a placement of a capping layer over the site beneath the new parking depot. In conjunction with the stormwater system, this is intended to reduce the potential for metal leaching into groundwater at the site as a result of infiltration through existing contaminated soils as well as preventing ingress of additional pollutants, such as oil spills, from the truck parking depot.

Hunter Water has reviewed the *Response to Submissions Report (RtS)* prepared by Jackson Environment and Planning, and the accompanying *Groundwater Contamination Assessment Report* prepared by JM Environments and the *Soil and Water Management Plan – Addendum* prepared by Northrop.

Hunter Water offers the following advice in relation to the *RtS*:

Groundwater Contamination

The proposal includes full capture of wastewater generated through site activities, which is to be tankered offsite for disposal. Additionally, the proposal includes measures to reduce the potential for existing site contaminants to leach into the groundwater. Hunter Water is satisfied that there is limited potential for the proposed facility to generate contaminated runoff that may infiltrate into and impact on the quality of the drinking water supply in the Tomago Aquifer.

If you require further advice or clarification regarding this submission, please contact me on (02) 4979 9545.

Yours sincerely

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