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Dear Ms Moss

**M12 Motorway (SSI-9364) (Fairfield City, Liverpool City, Penrith)**

I refer to the above matter that was distributed to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) for comment on 15 October 2019.

DPI has reviewed the proposal and has the following comments and advice.

DPI has been consulted during the project inception and during the consistency review. Issues raised, such as the degree of disruption to agricultural operations, biosecurity and water supply, have been taken into account in the final EIS.

DPI expects the project management processes to minimise disruption to current agricultural enterprises and to provide feasible and reasonable alternative infrastructure or access to meet landowner requirements during and post construction.

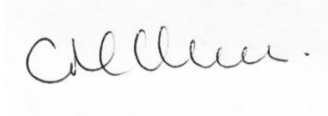
DPI notes that Appendix E - Table 10.1 - Reference B12 states "Creek adjustments will be investigated and removed or minimised during detailed design where feasible. Proposed creek adjustments will be designed such that they result in minimal changes to flow velocities."

DPI requests to review the detailed design for any waterway crossings in order to provide comments on proposed creek adjustments, rock armouring or other works in waterways. Wherever possible, adjustment/realignment of the creeks should be avoided. Planting of the creek banks and beds with native vegetation should be undertaken to stabilise sediments and provide habitat and shading to the waterway.

Snag removal is identified as a key threatening process under Schedule 6 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. Any proposed snag removal will require DPI approval and snags must be reinstated post-construction.

For more information on this advice please contact Sarah Conacher on [sarah.conacher@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sarah.conacher@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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