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Dear Mr Koppers

**Central Sydney Industrial Estate & Downer Sustainable Road Products Complex
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I refer to your email of 22 September 2020 to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Water and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) about the above matter.

The following recommendations are provided by DPIE Water and NRAR.

- The proponent should evaluate if the pond required for the reconomy facility will intercept the water table during construction. If it does, then the proponent should:
 - Determine the predicted volume of groundwater take; and
 - Determine the appropriate licensing requirement as presented under options (a) and (b) as follows:
 - a) Where less than 3 ML/yr of groundwater take is predicted, a licensing exemption is available under cl. 7 of Schedule 4 of the Water Management (General) Regulation. To exercise this exemption certain requirements must be met to ensure that less than 3 ML of water is taken. More information can be found at:
https://www.waternsw.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/155419/Exemptions-for-construction-dewatering.pdf
 - b) Where greater than 3 ML/yr of groundwater take is predicted, consultation with NRAR is required to demonstrate adherence with licensing obligations under the *Water Management Act 2000*.
- Any other take of water from groundwater and/or surface water sources (including induced groundwater inflows) must be appropriately licenced under a water access licence (WAL) prior to the take of water commencing, unless exempt as per option (a) above.

Any further referrals to DPIE Water and NRAR can be sent by email to:
landuse.enquiries@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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