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Dear Ms Munk

**Western Sydney Energy and Resource Recovery Centre (SSD 10395)
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I refer to your email of 1 October 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.

Post Approval

Licencing

- Prior to any water take, a Water Access Licence (WAL) should be obtained. This includes any groundwater dewatering that may be required.
- If 3 ML/yr or less is predicted, a licencing exemption is available as specified in clause 7 of Schedule 4 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2018*. A summary of qualifying conditions for the exemption include requirements to:
 - Record water take within 24 hours in an approved form and manner.
 - Keep the records for a period of 5 years.
 - Provide the records to the Minister, in an approved form and manner, no more than 28 days following the end of the water year (1 July – 30 June) that the water take occurred.

Acid Sulfate Soils

- As part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan the proponent should address the process for monitoring for the presence of acid sulfate soils and any management actions required if encountered. These should be addressed either within the Soil and Water Management Plan and the Dewatering Management Plan, or preferably a separate Acid Sulfate Soil Management Plan.

Any further referrals to DPIE Water and NRAR can be sent by email to:

landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Water – Knowledge

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