



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Liew,

**Centennial Western Coal Services Project (SSD 5579)
Response to exhibition of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email dated 20 August 2013 requesting advice from the Department of Primary Industries in respect to the above matter.

Comment by NSW Office of Water

The NSW Office of Water advises:

- (i) no objection to the proposal.
- (ii) the Office appreciates the proponent's commitments in relation to water management, in particular the commitment to upgrade the existing site water management plan to incorporate the proposal. These commitments are considered adequate to address the potential impacts to water resources arising from the proposal.
- (iii) the proponents should note that the interception of groundwater by the existing DML and Cook's Dams may require licensing within the Sydney Basin Coxs River Groundwater Source under the *Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources*, unless considered exempt. The proponents should consult with the Office of Water to determine any licensing requirements. A list of general licensing requirements is provided for information at Attachment A.

For further information please contact Rohan Macdonald, Water Regulation Officer, Major Projects (Newcastle office) on 4904 2642, or at: rohan.macdonald@water.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by Fisheries NSW

Fisheries NSW advise no issues.

For further information please contact David Ward, Fisheries Conservation Manager (Tamworth office) 6763 1255, or at: david.ward@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Comment by Agriculture NSW

Agriculture NSW advises no issues.

For further information please contact Wendy Goodburn, Resource Management Officer (Goulburn office) on 4828 6635, or: wendy.goodburn@industry.nsw.gov.au.

State Forest land

As advised in this Department's letter of 24 June 2013, State Forests are now managed by Forestry Corporation of NSW, a separate government entity. As such, no advice as to State Forest issues are included here and contact should be made direct with that Corporation.

A relevant contact officer for this region is Melanie Dyne, Programs Officer (Bathurst Office) on 6331 2044 or at melanie.dyne@fcnsw.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Anquetil', with a stylized, cursive script.

Phil Anquetil
Executive Director Business Services

Attachment A

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General licensing requirements under the *Water Management Act 2000* (WMA)

- An Access Licence nominated to a water supply work is required to take from any water source managed under the WMA. (Relevant water sources: Sydney Basin Cocks River Groundwater Source of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources* and Upper Nepean and Upstream Warragamba Water Source of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Unregulated River Water Sources*).
- Exemptions for access licences are provided in Clause 18 and the Schedule 5 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2011*. Refer:
<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/subordleg+469+2011+cd+0+N>
- Section 54 of the WMA provides details on harvestable rights.
- Requirements for access licence dealings are provided in the following documents:
 - Section 71 of WMA
 - the Access Licence Dealing Principles, refer:
<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/subordleg+433+2004+cd+0+N>
 - Part 12 of the Water Sharing Plan, refer:
<http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/viewtop/inforce/subordleg+111+2011+cd+0+N>

Application forms for access licence and access licence dealings are available at:
<http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/Water-licensing/Applications-and-fees/Applications/default.aspx>

End Attachment A