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Attn: Carl Dumpleton

Dear Mr Winwood,

**Subject: Central West CMA comments on the Coalpac Consolidation Project (10_0178)
Response to Submissions**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Response to Submissions received on the Environmental Assessment of the proposed Coalpac Consolidation Project.

The Central West Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has previously provided comment into the Coalpac Consolidation Project Environmental Assessment, particularly in the areas of:

- Native Vegetation (including biodiversity values);
- Water (surface and ground water);
- Cultural Heritage and engagement with the Aboriginal community; and
- Community engagement in an ongoing capacity.

The Central West CMA notes that these areas are addressed in the Response To Submissions, to varying degrees of detail.

In addition to the responses outlined to the submissions received, it is noted that there are a number of subsequent commitments that have been added to the list supplied in the Environmental Assessment.

The Central West CMA strongly recommends that, if the proposed project is approved, these commitments be adhered to, particularly in relation to:

- preparation of the Environmental Management System, including the numerous component plans as listed in the Statement of Commitments;
- the revised Biodiversity Offset Strategy, including the commitment to contributions towards recovery plans for identified threatened species, the development of the Biodiversity Offset Management Plan and the engagement of a Biodiversity Offset Manager to implement the Plan;
- the development of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan in consultation with the local Aboriginal Community and the Office of Environment and Heritage;

- continuation of groundwater monitoring for two to five years;
- ongoing community consultation on the project through the Community Consultative Committee.

The Central West CMA notes the commitment to report against these commitments in the form of an Annual Review and requests that we are included on the list of regulatory authorities to receive this report.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment on the Response to Submissions received for this proposed project.

If you have any questions with regard to the supplied comments, please do not hesitate to contact Jen Shearing at the details listed at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Ambler', with a horizontal line underneath.

Chris Ambler
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