



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Gibson

Elf Mushroom Farm, Londonderry (MP 08_0255 MOD 2) Comment on the Environmental Assessment

I refer to your letter/email dated 27 May 2016 to the Department of Primary Industries in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

The Department has reviewed the Environmental Assessment and provides the following recommendations:

- The Environmental Assessment for the modification indicates stormwater runoff is to be transferred to an existing dam, currently approved for 14.7 ML storage but proposed to be increased to 16 ML. However, the Stormwater Management Report (dated April 2016) indicates instead that stormwater runoff will be collected and stored in a proposed 10 ML dam. The proponent should clarify the storage capacity of the dam that is to store stormwater runoff.
- The Stormwater Management Report appears to imply that clean stormwater runoff will be stored in the stormwater storage dam. It is recommended that clean surface water is directed away from the dam.

While capture and re-use of dirty surface water runoff is excluded from licensing requirements under Schedule 1 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2011*, the collection and use of any clean surface runoff will require the proponent to purchase water licenses as the harvestable right dam capacity for the site is 1.78 ML.

- The Environmental Assessment does not provide any indication of licences held to authorise the take of water, and the proponent must ensure that any take of water is appropriately authorised under the *Water Management Act 2000*.

Yours sincerely

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