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Attention: Megan Fu

Dear Megan

BLOOMFIELD CONCEPT PLAN MP10_0021 – EXHIBITED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

I refer to your letter dated 26 August 2010 requesting a review of the exhibited environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Bloomfield Concept Plan. The NSW Office of Water (NOW) appreciates the opportunity to comment and requests the following be addressed to assist in finalising its assessment.

- Clarification of the status of the recycled stormwater rising main, pump and filtration system depicted in Annexure 5 of Appendix 10. The documentation did not clearly identify if the infrastructure exists or is proposed, and whether this requires modification to current infrastructure licensed under the *Water Act 1912*.
- Confirmation of the role of the recycled stormwater system in providing water supply to the proposed subdivision.
- Assessment of the impact on dam ecology due to the modified runoff volumes and quality.
- NOW requests a review of the estimated water usage of OAI from the on-site dam and hence the potential for modification to downstream flows. This is highlighted due to Annexure 7 of Appendix 10 indicating that losses were not considered in the usage figures, and that the existing licensed entitlement for this dam under *Water Act* licence 80SL051089 is 124ML per annum.

Should further information or clarification be required please do not hesitate to contact Tim Baker on (02) 6841 7403.

Yours sincerely

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