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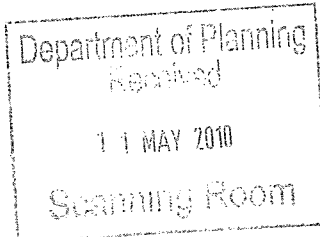


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Dear Mr Osborne

**MP09\_0034 – 5.5 Megawatt Biomass-fired Power Station, Twofold Bay, Eden –  
Environmental Assessment - Bega Valley Shire**

I refer to your letter of 15 March 2010 seeking comment from the NSW Office of Water (NOW) on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the above major project proposal. The following response formalises the NOW's email of 7 May 2010.

The EA notes licenses administered by the NOW allow SEFE to extract a freshwater supply from Tiniki Creek (SL 28970) and from Bull Creek (SL 55192). A review of both licenses indicates that both are issued for industrial purposes. 10SL28970 is issued for the conservation of water (dam), industrial and domestic use. 10SL55192 is issued for industrial (wood chipping) purposes.

Provided that the total amount of entitlement is not exceeded there would not be an issue from a licensing perspective, however, the proponent needs to be advised:

- the purpose of electricity generation needs to be reflected on the license(s) with an entitlement attaching to it. Any entitlement sought could be changed by the NOW from one of the existing purposes.
- the proponent needs to formally apply for this change and should contact Mr Wayne Ryan (Water Licensing Officer) at the NOW's Nowra Office on phone (02) 4429 4442 in relation to this matter.

**Contact Details:**

Should you have any queries in respect to this matter, please contact me on (02) 4729 8262.

Yours sincerely

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