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Dear Ms Coco

Thank you for your letter of 30 November 2022 seeking a submission on the applications made by Altogether Huntlee and Altogether Group Pty Ltd to vary their network operator's licence and retail supplier's licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*.

Altogether Huntlee and Altogether Group Pty Ltd do not hold any licences and approvals under the *Water Management Act 2000* (WM Act).

The map of the expansion of the network area of operations indicates a watercourse within the expanded area. A controlled activity approval under the WM Act is not required for the expansion of the network licence area as a network operator is exempt from requiring a controlled activity approval under section 43 of the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018. However, this only applies to works proposed to be conducted within 40 metres of the high banks of a watercourse and not to works in or on the bed and/or banks of a creek/river. If works are proposed within 40 metres of a watercourse, the activity must not cause any change in the course of the creek/river and the environmental impacts must be considered.

A surface water access licence and a water supply work approval under the WM Act will not be required for the expansion as there is no take of water from a surface water source. However, if groundwater is encountered in excavations required to install pipelines in the expanded area and dewatering is required, the pump/s used to extract groundwater will need to be authorised by a water supply work approval. If the volume of groundwater to be extracted is likely to exceed 3 megalitres, a groundwater access licence will be required.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, I have arranged for Dr Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer, to be available. Estelle can be contacted on [REDACTED] or via email at estelle.avery@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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