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Mr James Cox
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Dear Mr Cox

Thank you for your invitation of 19 February 2013 (your ref 12/607-3) to make a submission on the application by Discovery Point Water Factory Pty Ltd for a network operator's licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*.

It is understood that the water to be recycled will be sourced from residential, retail and common property premises and treated to a non-potable standard. The water will then be used for irrigation at the Discovery Point development in Wolli Creek and by Marrickville Council to water sports fields and parks. At a later date, water may also be sourced from rainwater runoff collected in the development's basement car park.

Under the *Water Management Act 2000* (WMA 2000), water extractions from a water source must be covered by an appropriate water access licence and approval, a basic landholder right or a licence and approval exemption. The recycled water that is to be sourced by Discovery Point from residential, retail and common property premises will not be extracted from a water source. Accordingly, no water access licence or water supply work approval is required for the project at this time. An access licence and water supply work approval may be required for the future collection of rainwater runoff, depending on the volume extracted, the method of extraction and whether the water extracted comes from a water source. It is recommended that Discovery Point contact Jeremy Corke, Manager Water Regulation, at (02) 4729 8135, for further information if a decision is made to proceed with the collection of rainwater runoff.

I have asked that Mark Harris, Manager Water Policy be available to discuss this matter further with you. Mr Harris may be contacted on (02) 8838 7823.

Yours sincerely

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