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Your ref D21/18793

Our ref M21/17629

Dear Ms Livingstone

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission on a variation from Narara Ecovillage Co-operative for the network operator and retail supplier licences for the Narara scheme.

NSW Health notes that the variation provides access to drinking water and sewage services provided by Central Coast Council. The variation also removes the permission to treat and provide drinking water, to treat sewage and permits the treatment of dam water for authorised non-potable uses.

In order to ensure public health risks are adequately managed, NSW Health requests that the risk assessments, management plans and incident notification protocols for drinking water, sewage and non-potable water are updated in consultation with relevant stakeholders including NSW Health, IPART and the Environment Protection Authority.

Please refer to NSW Health's letter dated 3 October 2017 regarding licence conditions as agreed between NSW Health and IPART.

NSW Health's response should not be considered an approval or endorsement of the applicant's documentation. NSW Health's review has focused on potential public health issues. NSW Health expects that the audit process will confirm the adequacy of the drinking water, sewage and non-potable water management plans and compliance with the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*.

The granting of a licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* does not automatically exempt the applicant from the requirement under the *Public Health Act 2010* and Public Health Regulation 2012 to develop and adhere to a drinking water management system.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Should officers of IPART require further information, please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. Should the applicant require further information they may contact the relevant Public Health Unit contact for the scheme.

Yours sincerely

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Environmental Health Branch

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