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Our ref H18/34972-1

Dear Mr O'Neill

I refer to your request for a submission on a variation to the application by Catherine Hill Bay Water Utility Pty Ltd for a network operator's licence.

NSW Health supported the application by Catherine Hill Bay Water Utility Pty Ltd for a network operator's licence.

The variation is to include infrastructure for the release of surplus recycled water, including tanks, release outlets and subsurface flow constructed wetlands. The application proposes that excess recycled water will be discharged to the environment via the constructed wetlands. Discharge of treated effluent which has been treated in accordance with the *Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling* 2006 is a matter for consideration by NSW Environment Protection Authority.

NSW Health notes that the application states there is no variation to the proposed end uses of recycled water. NSW Health does not consider that the variation for the release infrastructure presents a risk to public health. However, it is unclear if there are further changes to the treatment train proposed as the application also refers to reverse osmosis reject evaporation ponds that NSW Health understands are no longer required. I request that, as noted previously, NSW Health is consulted if there are changes that may impact public health.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Should officers of IPART require further information, please contact Dr Paul Byleveld, Manager Water Unit on [REDACTED]. Should the applicant require further information they may contact Philippe Porigneaux, Environmental Health Manager, Hunter New England Population Health on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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