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Dear Mr Cox

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for the Environment regarding the application made by the University of Western Sydney to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a licence under the Water Industry Competition Act 2006. The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) understands that the application is specifically for the provision of non-potable water sourced from reclaimed effluent under agreement with Sydney Water Corporation and stormwater harvested from the University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury Campus and surrounds. The development is not a scheduled activity under the provisions of the Protection of Environment Operations Act 1997 and as such based on the information provided in the application, an environment protection licence would not be required for this activity.

As an environmental assessment for the project has not been provided with the application, I am unable to provide significant comment on the project in relation to the adequacy of the applicant's proposed measures to protect the environment from any significant risk of harm. However, based on the information provided, the EPA does not note any significant areas of concern.

In relation to the capacity of the applicant, the EPA has not initiated any prosecutions against any of the corporations listed under section 1 (b) of the application.

If you or your staff wish to further discuss the issues raised in this letter, please feel free to contact Ms Jennifer Sage, Acting Unit Head Metropolitan Infrastructure, Environment Protection Authority on 9995 6856 or by e-mail at jennifer.sage@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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