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IM14/3461

Mr Hugo Harmstorf
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Dear Mr Harmstorf

Thank you for your invitation of 17 January 2014 (your ref 12/665) to make a submission on the application by Lend Lease Recycled Water (Barangaroo South) Pty Ltd (LLRWBS) for a network operator licence and a retail supplier licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* (WICA).

It is understood that the WICA licence application is proposed for the construction, maintenance and operation of water industry infrastructure and to supply water and sewerage services to provide non potable water, potable water and sewerage services for the Barangaroo South development.

Non potable water will be sourced from waste water generated by the development and may be supplemented by sewer mining with Sydney Water, subject to agreement. This water will be collected and treated by LLRWBS to a suitable standard to be used for domestic uses, irrigate public open spaces and for export. Potable water will be supplied to the property boundary by Sydney Water, which will then be distributed by LLRWBS to the individual buildings within the development.

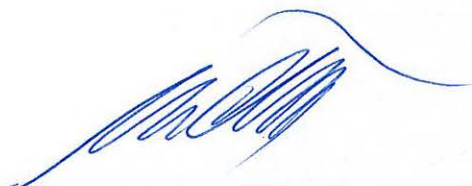
Under the *Water Management Act 2000* (WMA 2000), water extractions from a water source must be covered by an appropriate water access licence and approval, a basic landholder right or a licence and approval exemption. Potable water and most non potable water sourced by LLRWBS for the Barangaroo South development will not be extracted from a water source. The taking of water from a rainwater tank that captures water only from a roof is covered by an exemption in the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2011*. Accordingly, no water access licence or water supply work approval is required for these sources of water.

However, attachments to the application indicate Lend Lease Project Management and Construction is considering a further environmental initiative to use water that is collected from ground level to irrigate gardens in Barangaroo Central and the headland park. Depending on the manner of collection and the volume of water collected, the collection of this water may require an approval and access licence under the WMA 2000. It is recommended that LLRWBS contact Jeremy Corke, Manager Water Regulation, at (02) 8838 7565, for further information regarding water access licences and approvals.

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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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