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Dear Mr Cox *James,*

Thank you for your invitation of 4 June 2013 (your ref 10/523) to make a submission on the application by the University of Western Sydney for a network operator's licence and retail supplier's licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*.

It is understood that the water to be recycled will be sourced from Sydney Water's Richmond Sewerage Treatment Plant and from stormwater harvested from the University of Western Sydney's Hawkesbury campus and the surrounding suburbs. The water will be treated to an appropriate standard and used by various water users within the Hawkesbury campus and surrounding area.

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 sourced by the University of Western Sydney from Sydney Water's Richmond Sewerage Water Treatment Plan will not be extracted from a water source. Accordingly, no water access licence or water supply work approval is required for this source of water.

However, the harvesting of stormwater from the campus area and surrounding suburbs may require a water access licence and approval, depending on the volume of water collected and the size of the area from which the water is collected. The application also makes reference to the use of constructed wetlands for water treatment purposes and for excess water to be returned to Rickabys Creek after treatment. If the works for these activities are constructed near waterfront land then they may require a controlled activity approval unless exempt under clause 40 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2011*. It is recommended that the University of Western Sydney 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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