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IM12/11039



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Dear Mr Cox

James,

Thank you for your invitation of 14 March 2012 (your ref 11/593) to make a submission on the application by Central Park Water Factory Pty Ltd for a Network Operator's licence and Retail Supplier's licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*.

It is understood that the main source of water for this project is from Sydney Water's sewer mains. The application also indicates that the project will use rainwater and groundwater.

Under the *Water Management Act 2000* (WMA 2000), water extractions from water sources must be covered by either an appropriate water access licence and approval, a basic landholder right or a licence and approval exemption. No licence or approval would be required under the WMA 2000 for the extraction of water from the sewer mains. However more information on the design of the works collecting rainwater/groundwater and the volumes intended to be extracted is required to assess whether licences and approvals are required for the take of rainwater and groundwater.

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

31 MAY 2012

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