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Dear Mr Cox

I refer to your letter to the Hon Brad Hazzard MP, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, concerning an application made by the University of Western Sydney (UWS) for a network operator licence and retail supplier licence under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006*, relating to recycled water infrastructure to serve the UWS Hawkesbury campus and the Hawkesbury Race Club. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The Department has reviewed the application and notes that it has had no previous involvement in planning matters related to this project. It is recommended that IPART satisfy itself as to whether the project requires planning or environmental approval under Part 4 or Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and if so, whether the required approvals have been obtained.

Notwithstanding, the Department raises no objection to the application for a network operator licence or retail supplier licence and has no further comment to make in regards to the application request.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Karen Jones, A/Director Infrastructure Projects, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. Ms Jones can be contacted on 02 9228 6150.

Yours sincerely

7.8.13

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