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The General Manager Greater Hume Shire Council PO Box 99 Holbrook NSW 2644

Attention: Colin Kane

17 December 2012

Dear Sir

Re: Integrated Development Referral – Submissions Received

Dev Ref: DA 42-12/13

Description of proposed activity: Resource Recovery Composting Operation.

Site location: "Kalawa" 92 Patterson Road

Gerogery NSW 2642

I refer to your recent letter regarding submissions received for an integrated Development Application (DA) proposed for the subject property. The NSW Office of Water's local hydrogeologist (Nimal Kulatunga) provides the following comments in regards to concerns received about groundwater.

"Kalawa" is located in the Lachlan Fold Belt hard rock aquifer. From a groundwater sources point of view, the area has unmapped alluviums consisting of clay, silt and sand where the basement rock is found at a depth of about 30 -40m. The watertable is between 4 -6m from the ground surface.

The nearest basic right bore is more than half a kilometre from the "Kalawa" property boundary. The proposed extraction of 11 ML/year of groundwater would be similar to having about 3 - 4 stock bores on "Kalawa" where the property area is 558 ha (Lot 9 DP10665 and Lot 1 DP1744253). Therefore, extracting 11 ML/year from bores in the property would have minimal impact on the watertable or nearby stock bores outside the property.

Please contact the under signed if you have any queries in relation to this matter

Yours Sincerely

David Finnimore Licensing Officer

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