## Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water



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Our ref: V15/2812/11#69 Your ref: PP-2024-1780

23 July 2025

The General Manager Hawkesbury City Council PO Box 146 WINDSOR NSW 2756

Attention: Sunehla Bala Uploaded to Planning Portal

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: V15/2812/11#69 - Planning Proposal

Dev Ref: PP-2024-1780

Description: Redbank Expansion Area (Kemsley Park) Rezoning Location: Lot 260 DP1237271, 322 Grose Vale Road, Grose Vale

Thank you for your referral of the abovementioned proposal to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water—Water (Licencing and Approvals).

The Departments interest and jurisdiction is in relation to water sources and waterfront land under the *Water Management Act 2000* (WM Act). The objects and principles of the WM Act are essentially to identify, preserve, maintain and enhance rivers/watercourses, wetlands, waterfront land and water resources.

The proposal has been reviewed and the following comments are provided for your attention and consideration.

- The proposal should give due consideration to the Departments Guidelines for works on Waterfront Land - Riparian Corridors, and should seek to apply the recommended corridors without excessive use of the guideline "averaging rule". This is particularly relating to stream O.
- Asset Protection Zones, water quality treatments, detention basis/structures etc should be located outside of the designated riparian corridors and appropriately accommodated within the developable land footprint. Identification of footprints is important to avoid overlapping and/or conflicting objectives to be met.
- Proposals should consider that riparian corridors/buffers are fully vegetated when considering constraints such as flooding, stormwater management or bushfire asset protection requirements.
- Where watercourses are degraded or works are required in watercourses then rehabilitation/designs should seek to provide for naturalised outcomes for the watercourses and their vegetated riparian zones as much as possible.

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- Department Guidelines can be found here: <a href="https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-trade/controlled-activity-approvals">https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/licensing-and-trade/controlled-activity-approvals</a>
- It is recommended the proponent consult with WaterNSW on any license or approval requirements associated with amending the existing dams.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please use Water Assist to obtain further information or make an enquiry: https://water.dpie.nsw.gov.au/water-assist

Yours Sincerely

JBraden

For Manager

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