

demonstrate a very high standard of environmental management to protect the water quality of the Lake.

The Department considers that the findings and recommendations of the Groundwater Assessment Report and Flora and Fauna Offset Strategy should enable determination of an indicative development footprint for the planning proposal and progression of the remaining studies required under the Gateway determination.

As you are aware, in July 2020 the NSW Government launched major structural reform of the Planning system to unlock productivity, keep people in jobs and the economy moving towards recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure the new system can achieve these outcomes we must first clear the backlog of long-standing planning proposals that are currently under consideration. We look forward to continuing the conversation with Council as to how we can work closely to actively case manage and resolve issues that delay finalisation of this planning proposal.

If you have any queries concerning this matter please contact George Curtis, Senior Planner, Southern Region on 4247 1824.

Yours sincerely



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