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Dear Mr Harmstorf

I refer to your letter to the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning, concerning an application by SUEZ Water and Treatment solutions for a WICA network operator's licence and a retail supplier's licence to take over the operation of the Kooragang Industrial Water Scheme (KIWS) under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006 (NSW)*. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I am advised that Hunter Water Corporation granted consent to the KIWS proposal under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*. It is likely that future applications will also be approved under Part 5 of the EP&A Act, however this can depend on the extent of works being undertaken.

Please note your letter has been forwarded to the Department's compliance team in order to respond directly to you regarding whether Suez Water or Kooragang Water has been subject to any enforcement actions. Further, as the Department did not assess the project, we are unable to comment on whether the project will pose any environmental risks if licensed.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Alix Carpenter, Infrastructure Assessments, at the Department on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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