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Submission: This variation completely compromises the model provided for the development. It also changes what the business model would have been based on for them not to connect to the Hunter Wayer system. If this allowed, then essentially all treatment facilities in the future could treat the water to a high standard and discharge to the environment in any location. Is this how we want a system to be developed? No integration, just stand alone pieces of infrastructure that discharge all over the place. The ability for both the EPA and NSW DPI to regulate such activities would be difficult to say the least. Also, if they are in breach does the consumer ultimately pay for the poor practices? And at some point the facilities will require refurbishment, upgrades and continual maintenance all of which at any one time could lead to a reduction in quality or flow. Again who underwrites the ability of the company to perform continually into perpetuity. Or will Hunter Water be asked to pick up the basket case in 10, 15 or 40 years time? This variation should be rejected outright. If tgey have not undertaken due diligence on their usage calculations then discharge to a nearby lagoon is not an acceptable outcome.