



APPENDIX A
DWE Letter



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ATTENTION: Chris DEVITT

Dear Chris

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Subject: Blackmans Swamp Creek Stormwater Harvesting Project

As discussed in during recent telephone conversations with myself and departmental staff, the 7800 ML volume of water available to Council for TWS purposes is obtained from the Departments Reasonable Entitlement Model (REM) and is a notional volume based on the demand at the time that the REM assessment was undertaken.

The Department acknowledges that you may, subject to licence application and approvals extract water from water sources within the city to add to the security of your Town Water Supply (TWS) storages. The Department would require that the REM be reviewed if the proposed extraction by Council was to be in excess of the REM volume.

Any increase in the REM will have to be approved by the Minister and in considering approving such an increase Council would need to provide justification for the additional water entitlement based on reasonable demand. Alternatively, Orange City Council could purchase other licensed entitlements within the subcatchment or stream that any extraction is proposed.

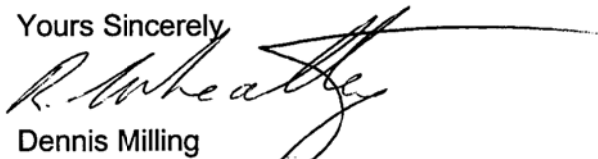
With regard to any proposed stormwater harvesting extraction from Ploughman's Creek, the Department is of the view that any extracted water must be deemed to be stormwater generated by urban development. In order to satisfy this, some modelling of pre-urban development runoff is required. Ultimately, at the end of any proposed harvesting the aim will be to have normal pre-development flows continuing downstream to benefit those riparian properties, environmental needs, and to service the requirements of existing licence holders.

With respect to Orange City Council accessing Departmental licensing data/records in order that it may prepare technical reports in respect of the Ploughman's Creek proposal the following is advised.

- 1) Full access may be sought under the provisions of the Freedom of Information process, or,
- 2) Technical information based on individual stream licensing details etc without specifically identifying landholdings may be provided on a fee for service arrangement. The fee will be \$125.00 per hour for search, retrieval and copying. The data to be provided will be licence number, licensed purpose, licensed area and volume.

If you have any further questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Wheatley on (02) 6841 7414.

Yours Sincerely


For: Dennis Milling
Manager, Licensing (North)
6th February 2009

Refer: C Devitt