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Dear Mr Wilde

Audit of the implementation of the Coastal Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sharing Plans 2016

Thank you for your letter of 15 June 2021 regarding the Natural Resources Commission's audit report of the implementation of eight coastal unregulated and alluvial water sharing plans. I apologise for the delay in my response.

The Natural Resources Access Regulator (**NRAR**) acknowledges the Natural Resources Commission's findings that many of the provisions of the plans are being implemented, noting that there are some exceptions. There is one recommendation for NRAR action: to undertake performance monitoring against Clause 28 of the *Water Sharing Plan for the Macleay Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2016 (WSP)*.

As you are aware, Clause 28 applies to the Malpas Dam operated by Armidale Regional Council (**ARC**). NRAR has been in contact with ARC to assess their systems and procedures to manage Malpas Dam. NRAR has also amended the Malpas Dam work approval to add a condition reflecting the requirements of Clause 28 and will continue to monitor the requirements of this work approval.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues to champion improvements to NSW's water management framework.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Jones'.

Chief Regulatory Officer
Natural Resources Access Regulator
15 December 2021