



**The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP**  
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

IM21/23165  
Your Ref: D21/3657

Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte  
Commissioner  
Natural Resources Commission  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Via email: [hugh.durrant-whyte@nrc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hugh.durrant-whyte@nrc.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Professor Durrant-Whyte

I would like to thank the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) for its audit of the *Floodplain Management Plan for the Gwydir Valley Floodplain 2016*.

I note the audit found that while many of the provisions of the plans are being implemented, on balance the provisions of the plans have not been given full effect in accordance with the *Water Management Act 2000*.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) is progressing work on several areas relevant to the audit recommendations and suggested actions. The outcomes of the NRC's audit, along with the recent section 43 review, and other supporting activities by DPIE, will inform the next steps in relation to this management plan.

DPIE will provide the NRC with a more detailed response addressing the specific audit findings.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, I have arranged for Mr Peter Hyde, Director Inland Planning in DPIE to be available. Peter can be reached via email at [peter.hyde@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peter.hyde@dpie.nsw.gov.au) or by phone on 0434 736 783.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melinda Pavey', written over a faint circular watermark.

**20/9/2021**

**Melinda Pavey MP**  
Minister for Water, Property and Housing