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Dear Mr Wilde

Audit of the implementation of the Hunter Regulated River Water Source Plan 2016

Thank you for your email and letter of 8 June 2021 providing NRAR with the Natural Resources Commission's Audit Report on the Implementation of the Water Sharing Plan for the Hunter Regulated River Water Source 2016. My apologies for the delay in this response.

As stated in your letter, NRAR has addressed gaps in the conditions that give effect to the relevant clauses of the 2016 remake of the water sharing plan in relation to the operation of Glenbawn Dam and Glennies Creek Dam and associated resource management. These conditions have been provided to DPIE Water for placement on the approval in the Water Licensing System (WLS). NRAR will issue the approval from the WLS and notify WaterNSW immediately following upload of the conditions by DPIE Water.

NRAR will work with DPIE Water to update the review templates used to review the WaterNSW annual compliance reports. This work is scheduled to commence immediately following the issue of the revised conditions of each of the approvals.

Any cases of non-compliance reported by WaterNSW and/or identified in the review of the WaterNSW annual compliance reports will be referred to NRAR Monitoring and Audit for investigation.

NRAR will update the review template used to review the AGL Macquarie annual compliance report and NRAR Monitoring and Audit will investigate any cases of non-compliance.

Thank you again for your letter. I have asked that Estelle Avery, Senior Water Regulation Officer be available should you need further information or wish to discuss this matter further. Dr Avery can be contacted on 0408 152 184.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Barnes'.

Grant Barnes
Chief Regulatory Officer
Natural Resources Access Regulator
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