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

Dear Dr Durrant-Whyte

I would like to thank the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) for its thorough review of the Water Sharing Plan for the Tweed River Area Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2010 and the Water Sharing Plan for the Richmond River Area Unregulated, Regulated and Alluvial Water Sources 2010.

I have approved the extension of these water sharing plans for up to two years to allow the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to consider the NRC recommendations and undertake consultation. The consultation will enable communities and stakeholders to consider any proposed changes and provide feedback.

If you require additional information or wish to discuss this matter further, I have arranged for Ms Anna Bailey, Director Coastal and Groundwater Planning, DPIE, to be available. Anna can be contacted via email at anna.bailey@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Melinda Pavey MP

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