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Dear Mr Reid

BHP BILLITON NICKEL WEST PTY LTD – APPLICATION FOR A WATER SERVICE LICENCE

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd (BHP) for a licence to provide drinking water and sewerage services to the town of Leinster.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is pleased to note the progress made by BHP towards licensing its water services and the work undertaken with the Department to date.

The Department supports the granting of a water services licence to BHP for potable water supply and sewerage services, pursuant to the *Water Services Act 2012*, subject to the following issue being addressed.

BHP recently provided a draft water source protection report to the Department for comment and endorsement. The Department recommends that BHP continues to work with the Department to finalise and implement the water source protection report. The information and recommendations in this report will help to identify, protect and manage the Leinster drinking water source.

Yours sincerely



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