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Dear Geoff

Floodplain harvesting project – Probity advice

1. Scope of review

1.1 You have asked us to provide an opinion on probity aspects of certain elements of the Healthy Floodplains Project (**Project**) that were carried out by the Department of Primary Industries – Office of Water (as it then was) (**DPI Water**). The elements of the Project that we considered were:

- 1.1.1 the registration of interest (**ROI**) process;
- 1.1.2 the irrigator behaviour questionnaire (**IBQ**); and
- 1.1.3 water infrastructure plan (**WIP**) processes.

1.2 These processes are described in the NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy which was published in 2013. A further version of that policy was published in 2018.

2. Opinion

2.1 In summary, based on the information provided, it is our view that:

- 2.1.1 the ROI, IBQ and WIP processes were lawful, documented and followed;
- 2.1.2 the ROI criteria were consistently applied; and
- 2.1.3 the ROI, IBQ and WIP processes afforded natural justice to people who had submitted an ROI.

