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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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Dear Ms Rogerson

Thank you for your letter concerning the proposal by Adani Infrastructure Pty Ltd to construct and operate the North Galilee Water Scheme to provide a water supply to the proposed Carmichael coal mine, and potentially other resource projects in the northern Galilee Basin.

I note the concerns you have raised in your letter about the potential impacts of the project on the Suttor River through water extraction and Adani's operational history. I note that the proposal will access water made available to Adani in a surface water licence issued by the Queensland Government, and the water extracted for this proposal will be the same quantity, for the same purpose and from the same catchment as assessed and approved for the Carmichael Coal Mine and Rail Project.

The North Galilee Water Scheme has been determined a 'controlled action' under national environmental law for likely significant impacts on nationally listed threatened species and communities. The proposal is now required to undergo a comprehensive environmental assessment.

The assessment of the project will require the proponent to provide detailed project-specific information in relation to potential impacts on nationally listed threatened species and communities and how those impacts will be avoided, mitigated or offset. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft assessment documentation during the assessment.

Once the environmental assessment process is complete, a decision on whether the project can proceed under national environmental law will be made. Adani's environmental history will be considered at this time.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Price'.

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