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## Peer review letter of testimony





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SUPPLEMENTARY EIS - OLYMPIC DAM EXPANSION

### Dear Rachel

This letter summarises the outcomes of review work carried out by Dr Jan Vermaak and John Waterhouse of Golder Associates Pty Ltd in response to requests by Ms Rachel Farrugia of the Arup-HLA team and Mr Steve Green of BHP Billiton (Uranium Australia). Arup-HLA is preparing the Supplementary EIS for the proposed Olympic Dam Expansion Project.

The reviews are the final stage of Golder's involvement in a review capacity, which began during early work on the Draft EIS preparation.

We reviewed new numerical groundwater modelling work undertaken by Schlumberger Water Services (SWS) and draft reports provided by Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM).

We returned appropriately annotated versions of the various electronic reports directly to Ms Farrugia and provided comments about the general acceptability of the draft reports in the accompanying emails.

### In summary:

- The numerical modelling and the report preparation carried out by SWS has been to an appropriate standard and our review comments have been addressed to our satisfaction. The SWS responses to government comments have also been adequate and addressed to our satisfaction.
- The documents prepared by SKM have also been reviewed. The technical aspects identified during our review of the groundwater report have been resolved to our satisfaction. Most of the aspects identified during the review relates to the standard of written expression of both the groundwater report and responses to government comments. However, both the report and responses have now been prepared to an appropriate technical standard.

We note that the Government responses to the Draft EIS are complex and overlapping and developing a clear response to such a mass of comments is a very difficult task.





We thank you for the opportunity to participate in this entire EIS process. Olympic Dam remains a great source of professional interest to us and we hope there will be future opportunities to provide further consulting services.

Yours sincerely

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