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The Hon. Daniel Mookhey
Chair, Public Works Committee
Parliament House
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By email: publicworks@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Chair

Re: Parliamentary Inquiry into Costs for Remediation of Sites Containing Coal Ash Repositories

Please find attached the answers to questions taken on notice by Dams Safety NSW during the Parliamentary Inquiry hearing held on Friday 16 October 2020.

I also wish to clarify and correct my evidence given to the following questions:

Question 8:

The Chair: Have you given an order under the new Act?

Question 10:

The Chair: To the best of your knowledge, have they complied with the new order made under the new Act?

My clarifications and corrections to these questions are included in the attached document. I am happy for my amendments to be published.

Yours sincerely

Chris Salkovic
Chief Executive Officer

QUESTION 8 – regarding Eraring Ash Dam closure of Myuna and order to undertake remedial works to dam

The CHAIR: You have just said, in layman's terms, that you validated the finding that it was unsafe. What corrective action did you order the dam owner to take?

Mr SALKOVIC: We directed them that they need to do remedial works immediately to the dam.

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THE CHAIR: Have you given an order under the new Act?

Mr SALKOVIC: Yes, we have.

The CHAIR: When was that given?

Mr SALKOVIC: I would need to get back to you on that.

ANSWER

I would like to amend my evidence. No, Dams Safety NSW has not given an order under the new Act. However, Dams Safety NSW has been monitoring progress of corrective work being carried out and to date we are satisfied with progress being made against a schedule provided. This was confirmed as recently as last month on 24 September 2020 during a site visit by Dams Safety NSW officers.

QUESTION 10 - regarding Eraring Ash Dam, the closure of Myuna and order to undertake remedial works to dam

The CHAIR: To the best of your knowledge, have they complied with the new order made under the new Act?

Mr SALKOVIC: I understand yes.

The CHAIR: According to the same time line?

Mr SALKOVIC: I need to confirm that.

ANSWER

I would like to amend my evidence. Dams Safety NSW has not given an order under the new Act. However, Dams Safety NSW has been monitoring progress of corrective work being carried out and to date we are satisfied with progress being made against a schedule provided. This was confirmed as recently as last month on 24 September 2020 during a site visit by Dams Safety NSW officers.