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Dear Mr Bailey

I am pleased to advise that the Coolah Water Supply Scheme Upgrades project has obtained approval for funding from the Safe and Secure Water Program.

The NSW Government has recognised that this is a high priority project for the community of Coolah and will provide \$60,000, being 75% of the total project cost of \$80,000, for a scoping study for this important infrastructure.

This approval is part of the NSW Government's \$1 Billion Safe and Secure Water Program to ensure regional communities have the right infrastructure for the future. The Safe and Secure Water Program enables local water utilities to construct modern infrastructure to provide safe, secure and reliable water and sewerage services for their communities.

The Department of Industry will commence negotiations with Council with a view to executing funding deeds for this project. The submission of project based information, such as a scope of works will be required for the processing of these projects to funding deed. The Department of Industry will work closely with Council to finalise funding deeds as soon as practicable.

Council is advised that Government funding under the Safe and Secure Water Program is subject to the local water utilities completing the necessary environmental impacts assessments, community consultation and obtaining all relevant statutory approvals, including Section 60 approval under the *Local Government Act 1993*, before construction can commence.

Council is also advised that the Department of Industry – Water can provide technical assistance and advice to Council during the development and delivery phases of the project. I have asked that Mr David Swan, Regional Manager West, be available to assist Council for this project. He can be contacted on 0419 947 024 or david.swan@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Congratulations on receiving funding for this important project.

Yours sincerely

Simon Draper
Secretary