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Mr Brian Hanley  
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Dear Mr Hanley

I refer to our productive meeting on Thursday 14 June 2007 regarding current development proposals for your premises at Bolong Road, Bomaderry.

In these discussions, I highlighted to you the Government's position on the need for Shoalhaven Starches to achieve a sustainable level of environmental performance, compliant with environmental legislation and guidelines. As discussed offensive odour from the existing activities remains a key challenge. The Odour Audit arising from the 2006 court orders provides a positive way forward in dealing with these challenges.

As also discussed it is essential that any future installations of plant at the site do not add to the odour impact while you are dealing with historical problems. From a Community and Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) perspective it is essential that any potential new installations are timetabled to ensure that they do not have a negative impact on the staged improvements arising from the Audit. It is therefore important that the company establish integrated and timely planning for new infrastructure. I encourage you to consult early with technical experts, planning and regulatory agencies, to identify performance and information requirements prior to lodgement of the development application. Timeframes for individual developments should not be delayed if this occurs.

As agreed for the Flour Mill proposal I ask that you and your consultants liaise closely with David Winfield and Craig Jones from the Queanbeyan office to finalise the additional information that is required by us so that exhibition of the development application can be progressed. Mr Winfield and Mr Jones can be contacted on (02) 61223100.

I am encouraged by the steps that the company is putting in place to establish a sustainable and complying operation. As discussed many of the environmental/cleaner production initiatives that are being considered are associated with financial savings.

I am confident that past problems at the plant can be overcome in the not too distant future with strategic planning and cost effective works. Once this has been achieved the challenge will be to

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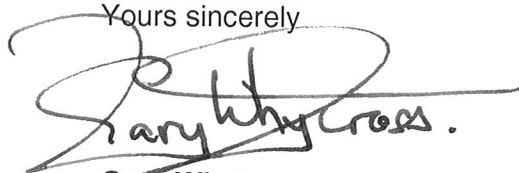
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maintain this level of performance as the plant continues to grow and potentially diversifies its activities.

The DECC is committed to working with the Manildra Group and the Community to achieve these outcomes. If you wish to discuss any of these matters further please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 62980357.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Whytcross', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

18 June 2007.

**Gary Whytcross**  
**Director South**  
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