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Dear Commissioner Smethurst

Thank you for your letter of 28 July 2017, presenting the *Independent Review of the NSW State Emergency Service Operational Response: Northern Rivers Floods March 2017* ('the Review') prepared by Mr David Owens, and the NSW SES Response to Recommendations ('the Response').

I understand the priority that you have attributed to key aspects of the Review, and more broadly, the organisational transformation that you are working on in the NSW SES.

In this context I note the recommendations of the Review, and support both those and the Response.

The short term issues will need to be addressed within your current budget. The government will consider any additional response requirements after you present these to me later in the year.

Thank you for your commitment to the communities of NSW.

Yours sincerely



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