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The Hearings Commissioner
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Dear Sir

Central Plains Water Trust Hearings – Synlait Response to CPW Memorandum

1. We are in receipt of the memorandum of 1 May 2009 on behalf of Central Plains Water Trust, in response to the minute of 1 April 2009.
2. While the minute requires any comments or submissions from counsel for submitters by 8 May 2009, we would be grateful for an extension of this period, to enable Synlait Ltd's response to the memorandum to be tabled before the resumed hearing. We consider the single working day delay, brevity of the submission and its contents raise no prejudice to the Applicant or other parties.
3. Synlait Ltd wishes to give its tentative support to the approach requested in the Applicant's memorandum of 1 May 2009.
4. Notwithstanding, it is noted that the removal of the water storage component would fundamentally alter the reliability of the water available through the scheme, were remaining takes to be granted.
5. In this regard, Synlait Ltd wishes to draw to the Commissioners' attention that it is working towards arriving at water sharing agreements with the Applicant in the event that take and use consents are granted.

Yours faithfully



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