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Dear Mr Vyse

**Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion (SSD-9418)  
Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the development application including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal ended on 31 January 2020. All submissions received by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10366>.

Please be advised the Department is also awaiting a formal submission from Singleton Council. The Department will forward these comments to you for consideration upon receipt.

The Department requires that you provide a response to the issues raised in those submissions, in accordance with clause 85A(2) of the Environment Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (the Regulation). Please provide a response to the issues raised in these submissions by 30 April 2020. You are also requested to submit additional information that effectively addresses the issues identified in **Attachment 1**.

If there are any changes to the scope of the development which substantially change the environmental impacts of the development as outlined in the EIS, exhibition of the proposed changes may be required in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Note that under clause 113(7) of the Regulation, the days occurring between the date of this letter and the date on which your response to submissions is received by the Planning Secretary are not included in the deemed refusal period.

If you have any questions, please contact Bianca Thornton, who can be contacted on 02 8217 2040 or at [bianca.thornton@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bianca.thornton@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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**as delegate for the Planning Secretary**

Enclosed/Attached: Department's Comments

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **Department's Comments**

#### **Relationship with the council approved composting facility**

1. As the proposal relates to the expansion of an existing composting facility, the Department requests clarification on the proposed staging and relationship between the council approved works and the new expanded proposal. This includes clarification on timeframes for the construction of the leachate dam expansion (ie the Stage 2 expansion) and how this relates to the surrendering of the council consent.

#### **Air quality and odour**

2. While the Department acknowledges the remote location of the site, the proposal involves the intensification of operations, the introduction of Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) and is in proximity to another composting facility (Loop Organics). Further information on odour mitigation and control measures is requested as per the submission from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).
3. The EIS notes the existing environment has elevated levels of PM<sub>10</sub> due to surrounding mining operations. Further detail on dust mitigation and management is requested as per the submission from the EPA.

#### **Leachate**

4. Specify how leachate will be treated or disposed.
5. Provide clarification on the total volume of the expanded leachate dam. Section 3.2.2.3 of the EIS states the leachate dam has been sized to provide a minimum capacity for a 1 in 25 year, 24 hour rainfall event (approx. 50 ML). However, section 3.10 of the EIS states the leachate dam will have an expanded capacity of 16 ML.

#### **Construction on fly ash**

6. Clarification is required on whether there are any limitations associated with building structures on top of fly ash.