

10 December 2021

Ms Alejandra Rojas
Principal Planner
Department of Education
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Rojas

**New Wee Waa High School (SSD-21854025)
Request for Submissions Report**

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal ended on 08 December 2021. Submissions received from the public and advice from government agencies during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/42061>.

The Department requires a written response to issues raised in the submissions, as required under clause 82(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Development Guidelines (2021)*. The *Preparing a Submissions Report Guideline* forms part of the SSD Guidelines (Appendix C).

Narrabri Shire Council (Council) and Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) have advised that comments will be provided to the Department by the 22 December 2021. The Department will provide you with a copy of Council's submission and TfNSW's advice once received.

Please note that due to COVID-19, there has been a delay by the Department in processing hard copy correspondence sent to its office. If any further hard copy submissions are received, the Department will publish these on the Department's website and will notify you if this occurs.

Please ensure that the submissions report addresses the issues raised in Council forthcoming submission and TfNSW's advice and any additional hard copy public submissions (if received).

The Department is currently reviewing the issues raised in the public submissions and agency advice and will provide separate advice identifying any key issues to be addressed in the submissions report.

We request a submissions report by 10 February 2022. Please lodge your submissions report by progressing the application on the major projects planning portal.

Note that the time between the date of this letter and the date the Secretary receives your response are not included in the period of 'deemed refusal', under clause 113(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

If you have any questions, please contact Tuong Vi Doan on (02) 9995 6706 at Tuongvi.Doan@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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