



Mr Darryl Thiedeke  
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25/11/2021

Dear Mr Thiedeke

**Austen Quarry Extension Project – Modification 3 (SSD 6084 Mod-3)  
Submissions Report**

The exhibition of the development modification application for the Austen Quarry Extension Project (the project) (SSD-6084), including the Modification Report, ended on 23 November 2021.

We have placed all submissions on the Department's Major Project website at:  
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/41491>

I request that you provide written response to issues raised in the submissions, as required under clause 82(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Regulation). 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) under the Department's Rapid Assessment Framework which commenced on 1 July 2021.

I note the project is a controlled action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and that Austen Quarry operates under the Approval EPBC 2013/6967 granted on 19 October 2015. Condition 4 of this approval requires the securing of the identified offset area under a legal instrument in perpetuity within 18 months of the approval. I would encourage you to engage with the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment during the preparation of the Submissions Report to discuss the proposed modification.

The Department requires the Submissions Report by Friday 4 February 2022.

Note that the time between the date of this letter and the date the Department receives your Submissions Report are not included in the period of 'deemed refusal', under clause 113(7) of the EP&A Regulation.

If you have any questions, please contact Nagindar Singh on 82896873 or via email at [nagindar.singh@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nagindar.singh@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jessie Evans'.

Jessie Evans

Director  
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*As delegate for the Planning Secretary*