

Our ref: Holcim Salt Ash Sand Operations (SSD-9099356)

Ms Lisa Honan - Project Director - Special Projects

Via the Major Projects Portal

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Subject: Request for Additional Information

Dear Ms Honan

I refer to the Submissions Report for the Holcim Salt Ash Sand Operations (SSD-9099356). After careful consideration, the Department is requesting that you provide additional information before accepting and publishing the report on the NSW planning portal.

You are requested to submit the following additional information:

A response to the findings of the acid sulphate soils investigation report peer review prepared by PSK Environmental Pty Ltd. The response must address the issues raised by the peer review including sampling deficiencies and the suitability of the proposed post-approval management of the following:

- Insufficient soil data collected from above the groundwater table.
- The lack of a starting pH for the leachability tests conducted and the oxidation of samples prior to conducting kinetic leach column experiments.
- Metal and metalloid leachability and the need for elutriate testing to assess mobilisation and potential impacts to groundwater.

The Department seeks clarification on why these issues were not addressed by the submissions report and deferred to post-approval, despite the peer review identifying them as necessary to understanding the environmental risks.

You are requested to provide the information in a revised submissions report, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the department by 25 September 2025. If you cannot meet this deadline or do not intend to provide the additional information, please advise the department via the NSW planning portal.

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



If you have any questions, please contact Allison Sharp on 02 4345 4403 or via email at Allison.Sharp@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Evans".

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