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# Taronga Zoo Sky Safari

Appendix II  
SEARS Extension Letter  
RTS Revision 2

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Our ref: Taronga Zoo Sky Safari (SSD-46807958)

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**Subject:** Request for SEARs Extension – Taronga Zoo Sky Safari (SSD-46807958)

Dear Sarah,

I refer to the letter of 6 June 2024, seeking an extension to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Taronga Zoo Sky Safari (SSD-46807958).

The Department notes the SEARs for this project were issued on 11 August 2022 for a new cable car network within Taronga Zoo including a range of cable towers, bullwheels, and new loading stations.

The Department considers the existing SEARs remain valid, subject to the following clarifications:

- The calculation of Capital Investment Value is now taken to mean Estimated Development Cost in accordance with the relevant planning circular and using the 'Standard Form of EDC Report': <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/planning-reforms/estimated-development-cost>

The Department also notes that the SEARs require the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) address all relevant legislation, including any draft plan, policies and guidelines applicable at the time of lodgement. We highlight that this may include further legislation than what the Applicant may have considered when first requesting SEARs.

The Department grants a six-month extension to the SEARs for the Taronga Zoo Sky Safari (SSD-46807958) under Section 177 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*. The SEARs will now lapse on **Tuesday 11 February 2025** unless the EIS is lodged, or a further extension is granted.

## Department of Planning, Housing and infrastructure



If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nowland on (02) 9585 6666 or [anna.nowland@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:anna.nowland@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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