

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure



Our ref: Lord Howe Island Critical Infrastructure Project (SSI-78107213)

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Subject: Lord Howe Island Critical Infrastructure Project (SSI-78107213) - Response to Submissions

Dear Ms Senese

The exhibition of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Lord Howe Island Critical Infrastructure Project (SSI-78107213) ended on 18 November 2025.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) has placed all submissions on the NSW Planning Portal at:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/lord-howe-island-critical-infrastructure-project>

The Department now requires a written response to issues raised in the submissions, as required under section 5.17(6) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines including Appendix C - Preparing a Submissions Report*.

We also require a response to the issues raised by agencies in their advice. This response should be incorporated into the submissions report.

Please lodge your submissions report by **2 March 2026** via the NSW Planning Portal
<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Heath, on 02 8289 6617 or via email at nathan.heath@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L Mitchell".

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as delegate for the Planning Secretary