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Dear Ms Ballango

**Proposed regional shooting facility at Hill Top
Preliminary assessment**

Please find enclosed the completed major projects application form and preliminary assessment report submitted on behalf of the NSW Department of Arts, Sport and Recreation (the proponent), for the proposed Southern Highlands Regional Shooting Complex, located near the village of Hill Top in the Wingecarribee local government area.

The proponent requests the following:

- » That the Minister for Planning form a clause 6 opinion that the proposal is development of a kind identified in Schedule 1 clause 15 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005*.
- » That in the event the Minister forms the clause 6 opinion, the Department of Planning issues the Director-General's Requirements for the environmental assessment. The preliminary assessment report considers the potential environmental issues that will require detailed assessment in the environmental assessment.
- » That the Minister consider listing the site as a State Significant Site in accordance with Clause 8 of the Major Projects SEPP to enable the proposal to be permissible with development consent. A justification according to the criteria contained in the draft Guidelines for State Significant Sites is provided in Section 5 of the preliminary assessment report.

At this stage, the proponent has not sought Council's views on the proposal, as the development of the proposal has been dealt with at a State level (refer to Section 2 of the preliminary assessment for an explanation of the background to the project). Consultation with Council will be undertaken in the near future.

Further information or clarification can be obtained from the undersigned.

Yours faithfully
GHD Pty Ltd

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