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Dear Mr Blane

Thank you for giving the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) the opportunity to review documentation for the proposed Bobs Farm Sand Quarry (SSD-99860959) and inviting us to provide input into the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

The proposal is adjacent to Worimi National Park, which is land reserved under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. The site is also in the vicinity of Worimi Regional Park and Tilligerry State Conservation Area.

NPWS understands that the project would extract up to 530,000 tonnes of sand per year for up to 10 years, and would involve dry sand extraction only, with no extraction at or below the groundwater table.

NPWS has reviewed the Scoping Report, and has prepared SEARs which are presented in **Attachment A**.

If you have any further questions, please contact the NPWS Hunter Coast Area via npws.huntercoast@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment A – NPWS recommended SEARs (SSD-99860959)

A. The EIS must:

a) Include an assessment of the nature, extent and duration of any potential direct or indirect and cumulative impacts on the nearby parks, namely Worimi National Park, addressing all matters outlined in the Developments adjacent to National Parks and Wildlife Service lands: guidelines for consent and planning authorities (DPIE-NPWS 2020) including:

   i. recognition of the natural, cultural and social values attached to that land.

   ii. recognition of the impacts, including direct, indirect and cumulative impacts as they relate to the environmental values of that land, its location, and greater landscape connectivity.

   iii. extent of the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on that land.

   iv. duration of the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the interface, the greater environmental values and the connectivity in the landscape to other reserved land.

b) Identify measures proposed to prevent, control, abate, minimise and manage any potential direct and indirect impacts, including an evaluation of the effectiveness and reliability of the proposed measures.

c) Quantify any residual impacts to land reserved or acquired under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

d) Be prepared in consultation with NPWS with initial contact via npws.huntercoast@environment.nsw.gov.au.