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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Attention: James McDonough

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Dear Mr McDonough

**Major Projects; Hanson Tweed Sand Plant Expansion (SSD-10398) Tweed Shire-  
Response to Submissions report**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 November 2021 requesting advice about the Hanson Tweed Sand Plant Expansion Project Submissions Report.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

It is understood that the Submissions Report, prepared by Zone Planning Group Pty Ltd, addressed NSW DPI's comments on the project (OUT21/6273, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021) regarding the subject site being identified as 'regionally significant farmland' identified in the Northern Rivers Farmland Protection Project.

The Agricultural Land Capability Assessment (ALCA) regarding the attributes of regionally significant land is noted. While the classification of 'regionally significant farmland' remains, NSW DPI accepts the position of the proponent in response to DPI's submission (Submissions Report Appendix 1A, prepared by Zone Planning Group Pty Ltd). The site is currently highly suited to agricultural production, and of regional importance. However, it is understood from the detailed soil analysis undertaken that there are soil limitations from waterlogging, poor drainage and the risk of sea inundation in the longer term which may reduce the capacity of the land for its ongoing productive potential into the future.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please contact Wendy Goodburn, Agricultural Land Use Planner on 0402 069 605 or by email at [landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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