



10/07/2019

Ms Caryn Lim
NSW Department of Education
Suite 9 259 George Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Lim

**Punchbowl Public School Redevelopment (SSD-10348)
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

Please find attached a copy of the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the above state significant development application and EIS. These requirements have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities based on the information you have provided to date. I have also attached a copy of the public authorities' comments for your information. Please note that the City of Canterbury Bankstown and Ausgrid have not yet provided comment. A copy of any further comments received from public authorities will be provided upon receipt. Please also note that the Planning Secretary may modify these requirements at any time.

It is noted that you intend to submit a request to waive the requirement to include a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) as part of the application. Please ensure that the request is submitted to the Department for consideration and determination prior to the submission of the EIS.

It is also noted that your request for SEARs states that an Aboriginal due diligence Archaeological Assessment has been prepared for the proposal and will accompany the EIS. Please be aware that the Environment, Energy and Science Group of the Department does not consider that a due diligence assessment is sufficient to provide the necessary information to inform the EIS with respect to archaeological and cultural matters. An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report must be provided.

If you do not submit an application and EIS within two years, you must consult further with the Planning Secretary in relation to the preparation of the EIS.

Prior to exhibiting the EIS, the Department will review the document in consultation with relevant authorities to determine if it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. You will be required to submit an amended EIS if it does not adequately address the requirements.

The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of effective and genuine community consultation where a comprehensive open and transparent community consultation engagement process must be undertaken during the preparation of the EIS. This process must ensure that the community is provided with a good understanding of what is proposed, description of any potential impacts and they are actively engaged in issues of concern to them.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit your application and EIS. This will enable the Department to:

- confirm the applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000); and
- determine the number of copies (hard-copy and CD/DVD) of the application and EIS that will be required for reviewing purposes.

If your development is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation and it is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of the Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Dimitri Gotsis on 8217 2053 or Dimitri.Gotsis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



A/Director
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As delegate of the Planning Secretary

Enclosed/Attached:

- Agency comments