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Dear Mr Graham

**State Significant Development – Planning Secretary’s Requirements  
Tweed Sand Quarry Expansion (SSD-10398)**

Please find attached the Planning Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tweed Sand Quarry Expansion. These requirements have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities based on the information you have provided to date. Agency comments are provided at Attachment 2. You must have regard to these comments in the preparation of the EIS.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit your DA and EIS. This will enable the Department to provide lodgement instructions, confirm the applicable fee, determine the required number of copies of the EIS and discuss potential exhibition periods.

The Department is currently developing a new environmental impact assessment guidance series for State significant projects in NSW which is likely to include a specific guideline for preparing an EIS. It is recommended that Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd (Hanson) has regard to this guidance series, if released during preparation of the EIS.


The Department recognises that Hanson has already commenced stakeholder engagement as part of its routine consultation program and to inform its social impact assessment (SIA). The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of continued effective and genuine community consultation prior to, and during the preparation of, the EIS. This process should provide the community with a clear understanding of the proposal and its potential impacts and include active engagement with the community regarding key issues of concern.

If your development is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will also require 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; however, there may be opportunity to streamline the two assessment processes in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between the NSW and Commonwealth governments. Please contact the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

It is important for you to recognise that the Department will review the EIS for the project carefully before putting it on public exhibition. If it fails to adequately address these requirements, then you will be required to submit an amended EIS.

If you have any enquiries about these requirements, please contact Anthony Barnes on 8289 6709 or at [anthony.barnes@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:anthony.barnes@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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