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Dear Dr Meleo

## Stone Ridge Quarry Project (SSD-10432) 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 Stone Ridge Quarry Project. These requirements have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities based on the information you have provided to date. In preparing the EIS, you must have regard to the agencies' comments provided at **Attachment 2**.

Please note that the Planning Secretary may modify these requirements at any time. If you do not submit a Development Application (DA) and EIS within 2 years, you must consult further with the Planning Secretary in relation to the preparation of the EIS.

Prior to exhibiting the EIS, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (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 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.

If your development is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it may require separate approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection* and *Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). If such an approval is required, there may be an 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 Agriculture, Water and 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 Colin Phillips at colin.phillips@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely.

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as delegate of the Planning Secretary