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Dear Ms Fox

Additional Information from Gem Planning Products for the Proposed Upgrade to Central Waste Plant Resource Recovery Facility – SSD 10435 – 8 Styles Street, Kurri Kurri

I refer to the letter dated 31 May 2020 provided by the applicant Gem Planning Products in response to Biodiversity and Conservation Division's (BCD) previous recommendations that an ACHAR be prepared for the proposed development. This letter does not provide the sufficient information to justify an ACHAR waiver (as outlined in our original letter dated 16 April 2020).

The assessment requirements for a State Significant Development (SSD) major project are outlined in the SEARs issued on 27 March 2020. The following supporting evidence is required for an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) waiver to be considered and to date this has not been supplied:

- the predicted extent of impacts from proposed ground disturbance works associated with demolition of existing structures and proposed construction works including installation of detention basin, roads, concrete pads or hardstand areas, buildings and associated infrastructure and utilities
- a comparison of the proposed depth and location of ground disturbance relative to previous ground disturbance for the development (i.e. will any impacts extend below previous ground disturbance for the development?)
- a detailed description of the consultation process undertaken with the registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs)
- evidence of consultation with the RAPs who have a cultural association with the land regarding the significance of any Aboriginal cultural heritage values relating to the site including the previously identified Songline must be provided
- evidence of consultation regarding the impact assessment relating to potential impacts on those Aboriginal cultural heritage values
- proposed mitigation and management of any Aboriginal cultural heritage values
- evidence of support from the Aboriginal community for the findings of the ACHAR waiver application

Sufficient information to justify the granting of an ACHAR waiver has not been provided. BCD recommends that an ACHAR to be completed in accordance with the SEARs.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Gillian Goode, BCD Archaeologist, on 0499 588 790 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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