

Mr Thomas Stock Regional Development Manager Woolworths Group Limited 1 Woolworths Way BELLA VISTA NSW 2153

Attention: Ms Danielle Blakely, Urbis

30/06/2020

Dear Mr Stock

Woolworths Distribution Centre, Marrickville (SSD-10468) Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

Please find attached a copy of the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the proposed Woolworths Distribution Centre at 74 Edinburgh Road, Marrickville in the Inner West local government area (LGA).

The SEARs have been prepared in consultation with the relevant government agencies (see **Attachment 2**) and are based on the information you have provided to date. Please note that the Planning Secretary may modify these requirements at any time.

If you do not submit a Development Application (DA) and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (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 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 (the Regulation). You will be required to submit an amended EIS if the document does not adequately address these 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 (including a 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 confirm the:

- applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the Regulation); and
- consultation and public exhibition arrangements, including copies and format requirements of the EIS.

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 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 Patrick Copas on (02) 9274 6273 or via email at <u>patrick.copas@planning.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Ritchie Director Industry Assessments as delegate for the Planning Secretary