

Our ref: 120-122 Smith Street, Wollongong (SSD-122745741)

Mr Chris Ferriera

Head of Planning

Blaq Projects No. 27 Pty LTD & Mave Developments Pty Ltd & TJ Smith developments Pty Ltd

Suite 110, Level 1, 180-186 Burwood Road

Burwood NSW 2134

20 May 2026

Subject: Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

Dear Mr Ferriera

Please find attached a copy of the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for your project, 120-122 Smith Street, Wollongong (SSD-122745741).

Based on the information provided in your application, industry-specific SEARs have been issued for your project.

Please contact the Department as soon as possible if your project changes, such that consultation is required with public authorities (under Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation). Your SEARs may need to be reissued, and a scoping report may also be required.

The Planning Secretary may amend the SEARs to ensure the environmental assessment addresses all relevant matters and aligns with current assessment practice.

Expiry of SEARs

The SEARs are valid for 9 months from the date of issue. If you require an extension, please contact the Department prior to the expiry date.

Concurrent Rezoning Proposal

You have indicated in your application that a concurrent rezoning proposal will be submitted to the Department for assessment. The Department has enclosed the requirements for the preparation of the concurrent rezoning proposal.

Preparing your Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Your EIS must be prepared having regard to the department's *State Significant Development Guidelines* – including the *Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement Guideline*. All relevant guides for State significant projects that are referenced in the SEARs are available at:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/planning-reforms/rapid-assessment-framework/improving-assessment-guidance>.

You are also required to consult with the Department and relevant agencies during the preparation of your EIS, in accordance with *the Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects*. For more information, please visit the [Prepare EIS page](#) on the NSW planning portal. Agency contact details can be found at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment/guide-agency-directory>.

Before submission, a Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (REAP) must declare that your EIS meets the required standards for completeness, accuracy, quality and clarity, as outlined in Division 5 of Part 8 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* (the EP&A Regulation). A pro forma declaration can be found in [Appendix B of the *Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement Guideline*](#).

Biodiversity Development Assessment Report

Any development application that is required to be submitted with a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report must use the template available at:

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research-and-publications/publications-search/guidance-for-the-biodiversity-development-assessment-report-template>.

Lodging your development application (DA)

To ensure your application is ready for lodgement, please complete the following steps at least two weeks in advance:

- **Submit the Payer Detail Form** to the email address provided on the form. This allows sufficient time for fee determination and payment arrangements to be finalised. The form is available at:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment/state-significant-development/ssd-process/prepare-eis>
- **Contact our team** to confirm that all lodgement requirements have been met, including whether hard copies, electronic copies, or both will be required for the public exhibition of the EIS.

Upon submission of your application and EIS, the Department will review it for completeness under Part 8 of the EP&A Regulation. At this time, you will also be advised of the applicable DA fee for your project.

Information needed to determine the DA fee

Your application must include an Estimated Development Cost (EDC) Report that supports the estimated development cost and aligns with the information in your DA form. The Department will review the report for completeness in accordance with the EP&A Regulation and relevant Planning Circular.

If your project involves marinas, extractive industries or any subdivision of land, you must also ensure that your report includes a breakdown of estimated costs for any other component of your project.

Please note that your DA is not taken to be lodged until the DA fee has been paid.

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Any development likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance will require approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval is in addition to approvals required under NSW legislation.

It is your responsibility to contact the Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to determine if you need approval under the EPBC Act (<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Bizimis on 02 9274 6254 or via email at paula.bizimis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K T" followed by a horizontal line.

Keiran Thomas

Director Housing Delivery Assessments

as delegate for the Planning Secretary