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Dear Ms Kelly

**New High School in Bungendore (SSD-14394209)
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 preparation of a Development Application (DA) and EIS for the New High School in Bungendore.

These requirements have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities based on the information you have provided to date. I have also attached a copy of the public authorities' comments for your information. Please note that NSW Rural Fire Service, Essential Energy and John Holland Rail (manager of the Country Regional Network) have not yet provided comments. A copy of any further advice received will be provided upon receipt.

The Department notes the aspects of the development may be addressed through the rezoning of land. If the rezoning of land is to occur, the Department will not exhibit the State significant development application (SSD) until a gateway determination has been issued for the Planning Proposal or alternative pathway is endorsed by the Department.

Please note that the Planning Secretary may modify these requirements at any time. If you do not submit a DA and 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 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. 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:

- confirm the applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*); and

- determine the number of copies (hard-copy and digital) of the DA and EIS that will be required for reviewing purposes.

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. 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 Dimitri Gotsis on 8217 2053/ or Dimitri.Gotsis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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