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Mr Lincoln Lawler  
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Department of Education  
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Dear Mr Lawler

**Murwillumbah Education Campus (SSD-16848913)  
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

Please find attached a copy of the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs). The SEARs will guide the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Development Application (DA).

We have prepared the SEARs in consultation with the relevant public authorities and based on the information you have provided. I attach a copy of the comments from consultation for your information.

Please note that the Planning Secretary may modify the SEARs at any time. If you do not submit a DA and EIS within two years, you will need to consult further with the Planning Secretary when preparing 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 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 confirm the proposed exhibition arrangements.

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>).

If you have any questions, please contact Dimitri Gotsis on 8217 2053 or at [Dimitri.Gotsis@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Dimitri.Gotsis@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

**Karen Harragon**

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**as delegate for the Planning Secretary**