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Our ref: SSD-16848913

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NSW Department of Education
via email: Lincoln.Lawler@det.nsw.edu.au

Dear Mr Lawler

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

Thank you for request for advice as to whether revised Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) are required for the above application following changes to the concept layout for the development.

The Department has considered the information provided and concludes that the requirements set out in the SEARs issued on 5 May 2021 continue to be relevant to the proposed development.

From 1 July 2021, **all SEARs will expire two years from the date of issue** (or the date they were last modified) unless the Planning Secretary has granted an extension. If you would like to seek an extension, you should contact the Department at least three months prior to the expiry date. If your EIS is not submitted within two years (or by the agreed extension date), you will need to make a new application for SEARs to progress your project.

Preparing your EIS

If your EIS is submitted after 1 April 2022, it must be prepared having regard to the Department's new *State Significant Development Guidelines – Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement*. These guidelines and other relevant guides, including the *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects* are available at: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/Rapid-Assessment-Framework.

Lodging your development application (DA)

Once you submit your EIS, the Department will check it for completeness to confirm it addresses the requirements of Schedule 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

Public exhibition requirements

To minimise lodgement delays, please contact the Department at least two weeks before you submit your DA and EIS to confirm whether hard copies and/or electronic copies of the DA and EIS will be required for public exhibition.

Matters of National Environmental Significance

Any development likely to have a significant impact 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 Commonwealth Department of

Agriculture, Water and the Environment to determine if you need approval under the EPBC Act (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Dimitri Gotsis on 02 8217 2053 or Dimitri.Gotsis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Harragon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Harragon
Director
Social and Infrastructure Assessments
as delegate for the Planning Secretary