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Dear Ms Kelly

**Gregory Hills Primary School (SSD-41306367)
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements – Industry-Specific**

Please find attached a copy of the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the Development Application (DA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Gregory Hills Primary School. 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 Schedule 2, clause 3(4) to the EP&A Regulation). Your SEARs may need to be reissued and a scoping report may also be required.

If required, the Planning Secretary may modify your SEARs to ensure the environmental assessment of the project covers all relevant matters and is consistent with contemporary assessment practice.

Your 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 DA and EIS is not submitted by the date of expiry (or by the agreed extension date), you will need to make a new application for SEARs to progress your project.

Additional assessment requirements

The Department has identified assessment requirements additional to those attached. These requirements, in addition to the industry-specific SEARs, are provided below and should be taken to be the collective SEARs for the project.

Contamination

- In relation to Contamination and Remediation, if required, provide a Remediation Action Plan (RAP) including Interim Audit Advice from an EPA-accredited Site Auditor certifying the RAP as appropriate.

Flooding

- Provide a flood impact and risk assessment prepared in accordance with the NSW Floodplain Development Manual, and existing councils and government studies and guidance.
- Identify flood behaviour, flood constraints and risks on the site and its surrounding including the potential impacts of climate change for the full range of events i.e. up to and including the probable maximum event (PMF).
- Assess the impacts of the development, including any changes to flood behaviour and risk, impacts of flooding on the development and its future community and on existing community for the full range of events.
- Propose management measures required to minimise the impacts of flooding on the development and minimise flood risks to the community, including an Emergency Management Plan considering access to and from the site, and evacuation issues during significant flood events including the PMF, from both local catchments and/or regional catchments.

Hazards and Risks

- If the development is adjacent to or on land in a pipeline corridor, report on consultation outcomes with the operator of the pipeline and prepare a hazard analysis (pipeline).

Preparing your EIS

Your environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared having regard to the Department's new *State Significant Development Guidelines (DPIE, 2021)*, including Appendix B to the Guidelines - preparing an *environmental impact statement*. All relevant guides for *State Significant Projects* that are referenced in the SEARs are available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/Rapid-Assessment-Framework.

During the preparation of your EIS, you are required to consult with various parties, including the Department and any relevant agencies, in accordance with the *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects (DPIE, 2021)*. For more information, including agency contact details, please visit the guide to agency engagement available at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/assessment/state-significant-development/ssd-process/guide-agency-engagement>.

Note: If you submit your EIS after 31 December 2022, a Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (REAP) will need to declare that your EIS meets certain standards in relation to compliance, completeness, accuracy and legibility.

Lodging your development application (DA)

Once you submit your EIS, we will check it for completeness to confirm it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. We will also notify you of the DA fee for your project.

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

To minimise lodgement delays, **please contact the Department at least two weeks before you submit your DA and EIS** to confirm DA fee payment arrangements. This will give us sufficient time to ensure your fees can be determined.

Information needed to determine the DA fee

Your application will need to be accompanied by a Quantity Surveyor's Report supporting the estimated cost of works for your project. You must ensure that the information in the report is consistent with the information provided in your DA form.

Public exhibition requirements

When you contact us, regarding the applicable DA fee, we will also advise whether hard 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 on matters of National Environmental Significance will require approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (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, please contact Your assigned planning officer Patrick Andrade on (02) 9995 6454 or via email at patrick.andrade@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

Attached: Industry-Specific SEARs