# Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements

Section 4.12(8) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
Part 8, Division 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021

Application Number	SSD-43956805
Project Name	Sydney Clean Energy Compost Manufacturing Facility
Development	Construction and operation of a compost manufacturing facility processing up to 160,00 tonnes per annum (tpa) of garden, food and wood waste; associated receival of up 30,000 tpa of sand and soil; anaerobic digestion of up to 30,000 tpa of commercial food waste and associated onsite electricity generation; office and educational space, and car parking.
Location	30-40 Martin Road, Badgerys Creek (Lots 7 and 8 in DP 226448) within the Liverpool City local government area
Applicant	SOILCO Pty Limited
Date of Issue	24/06/2022
General Requirements	The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the development must meet the form and content requirements in sections 190 and 192 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (the Regulation) and must have regard to the State Significant Development Guidelines.  In addition, the EIS must include:  • a detailed description of the development, including:  – the need and justification for the proposed development  – alternatives considered including a description of feasible options within the development which may include a layout options analysis  – likely staging of the development  – likely interactions between the development and existing, approved and proposed operations on the site and in the vicinity of the site  – plans of any proposed building works  – contributions required to offset the proposal and  – infrastructure upgrades or items required to facilitate the development, including measures to ensure these upgrades are appropriately maintained.  • consideration of all relevant environmental planning instruments, including identification and justification of any inconsistencies with these instruments  • consideration of issues discussed in the public authority responses to request for key issues (see Attachment 2)  • a risk assessment of the potential environmental impacts of the development, identifying the key issues for further assessment  • a detailed assessment of the key issues specified below, and any other

significant issues identified in this risk assessment, which includes:

- a description of the existing environment, using sufficient baseline data
- an assessment of the potential impacts of all stages of the development, including any cumulative impacts, taking into consideration relevant guidelines, policies, plans and statutes
- a description of the measures that would be implemented to avoid, minimise. mitigate and if necessary, offset the potential impacts of the development, including proposals for adaptive management and/or contingency plans to manage significant risks to the environment.
- a consolidated summary of all the proposed environmental management and monitoring measures, highlighting commitments included in the EIS

The EIS must also be accompanied by:

- high quality files of maps and figures of the subject site and proposal
- a report from a qualified quantity surveyor providing:
  - a detailed calculation of the capital investment value (CIV) of the proposal (as defined in the Dictionary of the Regulation), including details of all assumptions and components from which the CIV calculation is derived. The report shall be prepared on company letterhead and indicate the applicable GST component of the CIV
  - an estimate of the jobs that will be created by the development during the construction and operational phases of the proposed development
  - certification that the information provided is accurate at the date of preparation.

The EIS must include an assessment of the potential impacts of the proposal (including cumulative impacts) and develop appropriate measures to avoid, mitigate, manage and/or offset these impacts.

The EIS must address the following specific matters:

- Statutory and Strategic Context including:
  - details of any proposed consolidation or subdivision of land
  - a detailed description of the history of the site, including the relationship between the proposed development and all development consents and approved plans previously and/or currently applicable to the site
  - demonstration that the proposal is consistent with all relevant planning strategies, environmental planning instruments, adopted precinct plans, draft district plan(s) and adopted management plans and justification for any inconsistencies. This includes, but is not limited to:
    - State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021
    - State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021
    - State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021
    - State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
    - State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021
    - State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Parkland City) 2021 0
    - Greater Sydney Region Plan: A Metropolis of Three Cities
    - Our Greater Sydney 2056: Western City District Plan
    - Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan 2020  $\circ$
    - Western Sydney Aerotropolis Precinct Plan 2022
    - Draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Development Control Plan Phase 2
    - Recognise Country: Draft Guidelines for Development in the Aerotropolis 0
    - Future Transport Strategy 2056

#### Key issues

- o NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement
- o EPA Eligible Waste Fuels Guideline
- NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041.

#### • Suitability of the Site – including:

- a detailed justification for the proposal and that the site can accommodate the proposed development having regard to its potential environmental impacts, permissibility, strategic context and existing site constraints.
- Community and Stakeholder Engagement a community and stakeholder engagement strategy consistent with the Department's *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects* for all stages of the development, including (but not limited to):
  - details of how issues raised, and feedback provided during engagement activities have been considered and responded to in the development
  - details of the proposed approach to future community and stakeholder engagement based on the results of consultation.
- Air Quality and Odour a quantitative assessment of the potential air quality, dust and odour impacts of the development (construction and operation) on surrounding landowners, businesses and sensitive receptors, in accordance with relevant Environment Protection Authority guidelines, including:
  - details of buildings and air handling systems and strong justification for any material handling, processing or stockpiling external to buildings
  - details of proposed mitigation, management and monitoring measures.

#### • Waste Management – including:

- a description of each of the waste streams that would be accepted at the site including maximum daily, weekly and annual throughputs and the maximum size for stockpiles
- details of the source of the waste streams to justify the need for the proposed processing capacity
- a description of waste processing operations (including flow diagrams for each waste stream), including a description of the technology to be installed, resource outputs and the quality control measures that would be implemented
- details of how waste would be stored (including the maximum daily storage capacity of the site) and handled on site, and transported to and from the site including details of how the receipt of non-conforming waste would be dealt with
- details of the development's waste tracking system for incoming and outgoing waste
- details of the quality of outputs produced and final dispatch locations
- details of the waste management strategy for construction and ongoing operational waste generated
- details of contingency measures to be implemented on-site in the event of equipment failure
- details of the measures that would be implemented to ensure that the development is consistent with the aims, objectives and guidance in the NSW Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041.
- Traffic and Transport a quantitative traffic impact assessment prepared in accordance with relevant Roads and Maritime Services and Austroads quidelines, that includes:
  - details of consultation with Transport for NSW, including consultation on the relationship between the development and any existing or proposed transport

- infrastructure
- details of all daily and peak traffic volumes likely to be generated during all key stages of construction and operation, including a description of key access / haul routes, vehicle types and potential queuing impacts
- an assessment of the predicted impacts of this traffic on road safety and the capacity of the road network, including consideration of cumulative traffic impacts at key intersections using SIDRA or similar traffic model, and the identification and consideration of approved and proposed developments and road upgrades in the vicinity of the site.
- plans demonstrating how all vehicles likely to be generated during construction and operation and awaiting loading, unloading or servicing can be accommodated on the site to avoid queuing in the street network
- details and plans of any proposed the internal road network, loading dock servicing and provisions, on-site parking provisions, and sufficient pedestrian and cyclist facilities, in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards, Precinct Plan and Development Control Plan
- details of the largest vehicle anticipated to access and move within the site, including swept path analysis
- swept path diagrams depicting vehicles entering, exiting and manoeuvring throughout the site
- details of road upgrades, infrastructure works or new roads or access points required for the development if necessary.
- **Soils and Water** a surface and groundwater assessment that includes:
  - a topographic assessment and justification demonstrating any proposed earthworks are responsive and contextually appropriate
  - an assessment of potential surface and groundwater impacts associated with the development, including potential impacts on watercourses, riparian areas, groundwater, and groundwater-dependent communities nearby
  - a detailed site water balance including a description of the water demands and breakdown of water supplies, and any water licensing requirements
  - a site-specific integrated water management strategy with details of stormwater/wastewater management system including how it will be designed, operated and maintained, including the capacity of on-site detention system(s), on-site sewage management and measures to treat, reuse (including indicative quantities) or dispose of water
  - demonstration of compliance with the water quality and flow objectives in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Precinct Plan and use of the MUSIC Modelling Toolkit prepared by DPE Environment and Heritage Group (June 2022)
  - description of the measures to minimise water use
  - detailed flooding assessment
  - description of the proposed erosion and sediment controls during construction
  - characterisation of water quality at the point of discharge to surface and/or groundwater against the relevant water quality criteria.
- Contamination a site contamination assessment in accordance with the Managing Land Contamination Planning Guidelines: SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land (DUAP, 1998), including characterisation of the nature and extent of any contamination on the site and surrounding area.
- Noise and Vibration a quantitative noise and vibration impact assessment undertaken by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant in accordance with the relevant Environment Protection Authority guidelines and Australian Standards which includes:

- the identification of impacts associated with construction, site emission and traffic generation at noise affected sensitive receivers, including the provision of operational noise contours and a detailed sleep disturbance assessment
- details of noise monitoring survey, background noise levels, noise source inventory and 'worst case' noise emission scenarios
- consideration of annoying characteristics of noise and prevailing meteorological conditions in the study area
- a cumulative impact assessment inclusive of impacts from other developments
- details and analysis of the effectiveness of proposed management and mitigation measures to adequately manage identified impacts, including a clear identification of residual noise and vibration following application of mitigation these measures and details of any proposed compliance monitoring programs.

#### • Urban Design and Visual, including:

- a visual impact assessment (including photomontages and perspectives) of the development layout and design (buildings and storage areas), including:
  - details of staging, site coverage, setbacks, open space, landscaping, height, colour, scale, building materials and finishes, façade design, signage and lighting, particularly in terms of potential impacts on:
    - nearby public and private receivers
    - o significant vantage points in the broader public domain
  - consideration of the layout and design of the development having regard to the surrounding vehicular, pedestrian and cycling networks.
- detailed plans showing suitable landscaping which incorporates endemic species as well as how it maximise opportunities for green infrastructure, consistent with Greener Places (Government Architect NSW, 2020).

#### • Design Excellence:

- Prior to lodgement the proposal must be subject to review by the design review panel in accordance with section 4.31 of the Western Parkland City SEPP. The EIS must demonstrate how the development has been informed by the outcomes of the review.
- The EIS must demonstrate how the proposal will exhibit design excellence in accordance with the requirements of Part 4.5 of the Western Parkland City SEPP, the objectives for good design in *Better Placed* (Government Architect NSW, 2017), and the *Recognise Country: Draft Guidelines for* development in the Aerotropolis.
- Infrastructure Requirements an infrastructure management plan that includes:
  - a detailed written and/or graphical description of infrastructure required on the site, including any electrical substation/s and on-site switch yard/s
  - details of the existing capacity of the site to service the proposed development and any extension or augmentation, property tenure or staging requirements for the provision of utilities, including arrangements for electrical network requirements, drinking water, wastewater and recycled water
  - a description of how any upgrades will be co-ordinated, funded and delivered on time and be maintained to facilitate the development
  - identification of any existing infrastructure or easements on or off the site which may be impacted by construction or operation of the development and details of measures to be implemented to address any impacts.

#### Fire and Incident Management – including:

identification of the aggregate quantities of combustible waste products to be

- stockpiled at any one time
- technical information on the environmental protection equipment to be installed on the premises such as air, water and noise controls, spill clean-up equipment and fire (including location of fire hydrants and water flow rates at the hydrant) management and containment measures
- details regarding the fire hydrant system and its minimum water supply capabilities appropriate to the site's largest stockpile fire load
- details of size and volume of stockpiles and their management and separation to minimise fire spread and facilitate emergency vehicle access
- consideration of consistency with NSW Fire & Rescue Fire Safety Guideline
   Fire Safety in Waste Facilities (February 2020) and
- detailed information relating to the proposed structures addressing relevant levels of compliance with Volume One of the National Construction Code (NCC).

#### Hazards and Risk – including:

- a preliminary risk screening completed in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 and Applying SEPP 33 (DoP, 2011), that includes:
  - a clear indication of class, storage and handling quantities and location of all dangerous goods and hazardous materials associated with the development
- a Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA) prepared in accordance with Hazardous Industry Planning Advisory Paper No. 6 – Guidelines for Hazard Analysis (DoP, 2011) and Multi-Level Risk Assessment (DoP, 2011), should the preliminary risk screening indicate that the project is "potentially hazardous".
- Airport Safeguarding including a risk assessment of the proposed development on Western Sydney Airport operations and addressing related matters in the Western Parkland City SEPP, Phase 2 DCP, the National Airport Safeguarding Framework and Aviation Safeguarding Guidelines - Western Sydney Aerotropolis and surrounding areas.
- Bush Fire a bush fire assessment report that addresses the aims and objectives of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019, and includes:
  - details of proposed operational access for emergency services personnel
  - details of emergency and evacuation arrangements for occupants/visitors
  - a Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan prepared in accordance with relevant RFS guidance.
- Greenhouse Gas and Energy Efficiency including an assessment of the energy use of the proposal and all reasonable and feasible measures that would be implemented on site to minimise the proposal's greenhouse gas emissions (reflecting the Government's goal of net zero emissions by 2050).
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation in NSW (DECCW 2010), and guided by the Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in New South Wales (OEH 2011). The ACHAR must:
  - identify, describe and assess impacts on the Aboriginal cultural heritage values that exist across the development
  - provide evidence and details of consultation with Aboriginal people in accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010)
  - include results of a surface survey and any test excavations and an

unexpected finds protocol.

- Non-Aboriginal Cultural Heritage a non-Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment (including both cultural and archaeological significance) which must detail potential impacts on heritage assets and any proposed management and mitigation measures.
- Biodiversity an assessment of the proposal's biodiversity impacts in accordance with the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, including the preparation of a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) where required under the Act, except where a waiver for preparation of a BDAR has been granted.
- **Socio-Economic** including:
  - a social impact assessment in accordance with the Department's Social Impact Assessment Guideline
  - an analysis of any potential economic impacts of the development, including a discussion of any potential economic benefits to the local and broader community.
- Ecologically Sustainable Development including:
  - a description of how the proposal will incorporate the principles of ecologically sustainable development in the design, construction and ongoing operation of the development
  - consideration of the use of green walls, green roofs and/or cool roofs in the design of the development
  - a description of the measures to be implemented to minimise consumption of resources, especially energy and water.
- Planning Agreement/Development Contributions demonstration that satisfactory arrangements have been or would be made to provide, or contribute to the provision of, necessary local and regional infrastructure required to support the development.

#### **Engagement**

During the preparation of the EIS, you must consult with the relevant local, State or Commonwealth Government authorities, service providers, community groups and affected landowners.

In particular you must consult with:

- Liverpool City Council
- Environment Protection Authority
- DPE Environment and Heritage Group
- DPE Water Group
- Government Architect NSW
- Transport for NSW
- NSW Fire and Rescue
- Sydney Water
- Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Western Sydney Airport
- Western City Parklands Authority
- surrounding local landowners, businesses and stakeholders
- local and regional community and environmental groups
- Local Aboriginal Land Council
- any other public transport, utilities or community service providers.

The EIS must detail the engagement undertaken and demonstrate how it was

	consistent with the Undertaking Engagement Guide: Guidance for State Significant Projects. The EIS must detail how issues raised and feedback provided have been considered and responded to in the project. Where amendments have not been made to address an issue, a short explanation should be provided.
Expiry Date	If you do not lodge a Development Application and EIS for the development within 2 years of the issue date of these SEARs, your SEARs will expire. If an extension to these SEARs will be required, please consult with the Planning Secretary 3 months prior to the expiry date.
References	The assessment of the key issues listed above must take into account relevant guidelines, policies, and plans as identified. While not exhaustive, <b>Attachment 1</b> contains a list of some of the guidelines, policies, and plans that may be relevant to the environmental assessment of this proposal.

#### ATTACHMENT 1

### **Technical and Policy Guidelines**

The following guidelines may assist in the preparation of the environmental impact statement. This list is not exhaustive and not all of these guidelines may be relevant to your proposal.

Many of these documents can be found on the following websites:

http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au

http://www.shop.nsw.gov.au/index.jsp

http://www.australia.gov.au/publications

http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/

http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/

http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/

#### **Plans and Documents**

The EIS must include all relevant plans, architectural drawings, diagrams and relevant documentation required under Part 3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021. Provide these as part of the EIS rather than as separate documents.

In addition, the EIS must include the following:

- 1. An existing site survey plan drawn at an appropriate scale illustrating:
  - the location of the land, boundary measurements, area (sqm) and north point
  - the existing levels of the land in relation to buildings and roads
  - location and height of existing structures on the site
  - location and height of adjacent buildings and private open space
  - all levels to be to Australian Height Datum (AHD).
- 2. Locality/context plan drawn at an appropriate scale should be submitted indicating:
  - significant local features such as heritage items
  - the location and uses of existing buildings, shopping and employment areas
  - traffic and road patterns, pedestrian routes and public transport nodes.
- 3. Drawings at an appropriate scale illustrating:
  - detailed plans, sections and elevations of the existing building, which clearly show all proposed buildings
  - detailed plans of proposed access driveways, internal roads, carparking and external alterations to services infrastructure.
- 4. Schedule of materials, colours and additions. Finishes.

#### Documents to be Submitted

Documents to submit include:

- one (1) electronic copy of all the documents and plans for review prior to exhibition
- other copies as determined by the Department once the development

application is lodged.

### Policies, Guidelines & Plans

Aspect	Policy / Methodology
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State Significant Devel	State Significant Assessment Guidelines (DPIE, 2021)
	Undertaking Engagement Guide – Guidance for State Significant Projects
	(DPIE, 2021)
	Cumulative Impact Assessment Guidelines for State Significant Projects (DPIE, 2021)
Traffic, Transport and	Access
	Roads Act 1993
	State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021
	Guide to Traffic Generating Development (RTA, 2002 as updated)
	Road Design Guide (RMS, 2015-2017)
	Guide to Traffic Management – Pt 12: Traffic Impacts of Development (Austroads, 2016)
	Guidelines for Planning and Assessment of Road Freight Access in Industrial Areas (Austroads, 2014)
	Bicycle Parking Facilities: Guidelines for Design and Installation (AS 2890.3:2015)
	Integrated Public Transport Service Planning Guidelines: Sydney Metropolitan Area (TfNSW, 2013)
	Future Transport Strategy 2056 (TfNSW, 2018)
	Greater Sydney Services and Infrastructure Plan (TfNSW, 2018)
	NSW Freight & Ports Plan 2018-2023 (TfNSW, 2018)
Soils and Water	
	Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils & Construction (Landcom, 2004)
Erosion and Sediment	Soil and Landscape Issues in Environmental Impact Assessment (DLWC, 2000)
	Wind Erosion – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition (DIPNR, 2003)
	National Water Quality Management Strategy Guidelines for Groundwater Protection in Australia (ARMCANZ/ANZECC, 2000)
Groundwater	NSW State Groundwater Policy Framework Document (DLWC, 1997)
	NSW Aguifer Interference Policy (NOW, 2012)
	Water Sharing Plan for the Greater Metropolitan Region Groundwater Sources (NOW, 2011)
	Storing and Handling Liquids: Environmental Protection (DECC, 2007)
Stormwater	Managing Urban Stormwater: Strategic Framework. Draft (EPA, 1996)
	Managing Urban Stormwater: Council Handbook. Draft (EPA, 1997)
	Managing Urban Stormwater: Treatment Techniques (DEC, 2006)
	Managing Urban Stormwater: Source Control. Draft (EPA, 1998)

Managing Urban Stormwater: Harvesting and Reuse (DEC, 2006)
National Water Quality Management Strategy: Guidelines for Sewerage Systems – Effluent Management (ARMCANZ/ANZECC, 1997)
National Water Quality Management Strategy: Guidelines for Sewerage Systems – Use of Reclaimed Water (ARMCANZ/ANZECC, 2000)
National Water Quality Management Strategy – Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks (Phase 1) (EPHC, NRMMC & AHMC, 2006)
National Water Quality Management Strategy – Guidelines for Water Recycling: Managing Health and Environmental Risks (Phase 2) (EPHC, NRMMC & AHMC, 2009)
State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
Managing Land Contamination Planning Guidelines, SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land (DUAP & EPA, 1998)
Consultants reporting on contaminated land: Contaminated Land Guidelines (EPA, 2020)
State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
Applying SEPP 33 – Hazardous and Offensive Development Application Guidelines (DoP, 2011)
Assessment Guideline: Multi-level Risk Assessment (Planning and Infrastructure, 2011)
Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
Biodiversity Assessment Method (EES, 2021)
Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (NRAR, 2018)
Heritage Act 1977
NSW Heritage Manual (HO and DUAP, 1996)
The Burra Charter (ICOMOS Australia, 2013)
Statements of Heritage Impact (HO and DUAP, 2002)
Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (DECCW, 2010)
Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (DECCW, 2011)
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW, 2010)
Acoustics – Description and measurement of environmental noise (AS1055:2018)
Noise Policy for Industry (EPA, 2017)
NSW Road Noise Policy (DECCW, 2011)
Noise Criteria Guideline (RMS, 2015)
Noise Mitigation Guideline (RMS, 2015)
Interim Construction Noise Guideline (DECC, 2009)

	Assessing Vibration: A Technical Guide (DEC, 2006)
	Noise Guide for Local Government (EPA, 2013)
Air Quality	
	Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010
Air Quality	Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in New South Wales (EPA, 2022)
	Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in New South Wales (EPA, 2016)
Odour	Assessment and Management of Odour from Stationary Sources in NSW (DEC 2006)
Greenhouse Gas	AGO Factors and Methods Workbook (AGO, 2018)
	Guidelines for Energy Savings Action Plans (DEUS, 2005)
	National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme Measurement, Technica Guidelines for the estimation of emissions by facilities in Australia (Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE), 2017)
	National Greenhouse Accounts Factors (DoEE, 2019)
Bush Fire	
	Planning for Bush Fire Protection (RFS, 2019)
Waste	
	NSW Waste and Sustainable Material Strategy 2041 (EPA, 2021)
	NSW Plastics Action Plan (EPA, 2021)
	NSW Energy from Waste Policy Statement (EPA, 2021)
	NSW Energy from Waste Infrastructure Plan (2021)
	The National Waste Policy: Less Waste More Resources 2009
	Waste Classification Guidelines (EPA, 2014)
	Environmental guidelines: Composting and Related Organics Processing Facilities (DEC, 2004)
	Environmental guidelines: Use and Disposal of Biosolid Products (EPA, 1997)
	Composts, soil conditioners and mulches (Standards Australia, AS 4454)
	Standards for Managing Construction Waste in NSW (EPA, 2018)
Urban Design and V	isual
	Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting (AS 2482)
	Better Placed (Government Architect NSW, 2017)
	Greener Places (Government Architect NSW, 2020)
Social	
	Social Impact Assessment Guideline for State Significant Projects (DPIE 2021)

## ATTACHMENT 2 Government Authority Advice