

APPENDIX A CORRESPONDANCE FROM DPIE



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Dear Mr Wearne

Angus Place Extension Project (SSD 5602)

I refer to your letter dated 18 April 2019 in relation to the Angus Place Extension Project.

The Department has carefully considered the information you provided to support amending the development application for the project as exhibited in 2014. I can advise you that the Department considers that the changes to the project could be considered in an Amendment Report to Development Application SSD 5602.

I would therefore appreciate it if you could submit an Amendment Report which includes the following:

- a main report which describes the proposed amendments and summarises and integrates the findings of any further engagement and the assessment of the impacts of the proposed amendments into an updated evaluation of the merits of the project including consideration of any new environmental planning instruments (EPIs) and relevant government policies since the original EIS was prepared; and
- appendices to the main report, which should include:
 - an updated project description, incorporating the proposed amendments;
 - an updated table of the proposed mitigation measures for the amended project; and
 - any supporting information, including any detailed engagement or technical reports.

The Department further considers that the Amendment Report should include the following technical reports:

- revised subsidence predictions;
- updated groundwater modelling and predictions of water take, including an assessment against the relevant provisions of the *NSW Aquifer Interference Policy* and any applicable water-sharing plans;
- updated assessment of the potential biodiversity impacts, including impacts to listed swamp communities under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; and
- updated details of potential socio-economic impacts, including the costs and benefits of the project as a whole, generally in accordance with the Department's guidance documents for social impact assessment and economic evaluations.

The Amendment Report should follow the format shown in Attachment 1.

I would appreciate it if you could contact the Department to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed amendments, before you lodge the Amendment Report.

Please note that this advice provides guidance to assist the preparation of an Amendment Report and is not a formal agreement by the consent authority of an amendment to the SSD application under clause 55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Reg).

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Paul Freeman on (02) 9274 6587.

Yours sincerely



23/10/19

Steve O'Donoghue
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as nominee of the Secretary

Attachment 1: Recommended Structure of Amendment Report

Sections
1. Introduction
2. Description of Amendments
3. Strategic Context
4. Statutory Context
5. Engagement
6. Assessment of Impacts
7. Evaluation of Merits
8. References
Appendices
A. Updated project description
B. Table of Updated Mitigation Measures
C. Supporting information, including any detailed engagement or technical reports