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Attention: Mr Brendan Liew (brendan.liew@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Mr Reed

**Proposed Bringelly Brick Works (SSD-5684)
Environmental Impact Statement**

I refer to an email dated 8 November 2013 regarding the Boral Brickworks (NSW) Pty Ltd (Boral) Bringelly Brickworks Expansion.

NSW Trade & Investment, Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) has reviewed the *Bringelly Brickworks EIS, 6 November 2013* and provides the following comments which are directed at specific areas of DRE's responsibility for this proposal:

Environmental and Rehabilitation

DRE does not believe the proposed rehabilitation will result in a satisfactory rehabilitation outcome. In particular, the proposal to leave extensive, non vegetated, final voids, with either steep or benched slopes is not acceptable.

The proposed rehabilitation outcome is not consistent with the surrounding landform or land use and it is uncertain which of the potential future identified land uses will actually be selected, nor is there an explanation as to why the these landforms are acceptable.

The proposed final void appears to have little beneficial use other than for landfill, which is not confirmed as a feasible option at this stage and has the potential to greatly increase the cost for many forms of redevelopment.

Ideally, the default rehabilitation proposed in the EIS should result in a safe, stable, non-polluting landform consistent with the surrounding area in the event that none of the possible identified post mining land uses is deemed appropriate at the time of mine closure.

Alternative potential land uses identified (including landfill, industrial, residential or continued quarrying) should not be precluded by the proposed landform.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Industry Coordination on telephone 8281 7335.

Yours sincerely



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