

Our ref: Clean Energy Precinct – Concept DA (SSD-62423490)

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**Attention:** Mr Simon Murphy, GHD

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**Subject:** Planning Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements – Extension of Time

Dear Ms Wyatt

I refer to your recent request to amend the Planning Secretary’s environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the Port of Newcastle’s Clean Energy Precinct (SSD-62423490 and SSD-62423494).

Currently, the Planning Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the proposal are set to expire on 13 October 2025. However, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) notes that due to the school holiday period, there will be a time delay in issuing the final, amended SEARs package.

Accordingly, the Department has granted an interim extension of one month to the SEARs to ensure the aforementioned steps can be completed in a timely manner. **The SEARs will now expire on 13 November 2025.**

If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Copas on (02) 9274 6273 or via email at [patrick.copas@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:patrick.copas@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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