

## Fiona Gibson

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 April 2015 7:46 AM  
**To:** Fiona Gibson  
**Cc:** Frank Garofalow  
**Subject:** SSD 6353 - Sydney Opera House - Information & Interpretation Centre EIS

**Importance:** High

Fiona,

The EPA notes the relatively minor nature of proposed development activity. However, we also note the iconic nature of the site and the potential for unacceptable environmental impacts arising from the proximity of proposed works to harbour waters and residences to the south.

Whilst the EIS acknowledges the risk of dust and noise emissions during demolition and construction activities, it does not appear to acknowledge potential risks of pollution of waters. The proponent should note that 'water pollution' includes placing any matter in a position where it is likely to fall, descend, be washed or be blown into any waters.

Accordingly, the EPA recommends that the proponent should be required to implement effective environmental management measures, including:

- (a) Storing all construction and demolition materials and waste under cover and well clear of any position where such material or waste is likely to fall, descend, be washed or be blown into waters; and
- (b) undertaking all works during the standard construction hours as recommended in Table 1 Chapter 2 of the Interim Construction Noise Guideline, July 2009 (i.e. 7.00 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday and 8.00 am to 1.00pm Saturdays – no work on Sundays or public holidays).

The EPA emphasises that it does not review or endorse environmental management plans or the like for reasons of maintaining regulatory 'arms length'. And, has not reviewed the environmental management plans forming part of or referred to in the EIS.

Regards

John Goodwin

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**From:** Fiona Gibson [<mailto:fiona.gibson@planning.nsw.gov.au>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 April 2015 3:16 PM  
**To:** Goodwin John  
**Subject:** SSD 6353 - Information & Interpretation Centre at Sydney Opera House

Hi John,

Thankyou for the call this afternoon, as discussed please find attached an electronic copy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The EIS and all other associated documents for the proposal should now also be available on the Department's website at the below link

[http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=6353](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6353)

The proposal will be on public exhibition from **Thursday 2 April 2015** until **Friday 15 May 2015**. You are invited to comment on the above proposal.

The exhibition period will run until **Friday 15 May 2015** and should you wish to make a submission, it should be made to the Department no later than this date.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact myself on 9228 6371 or at [fiona.gibson@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fiona.gibson@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Kind Regards,  
Fiona

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