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Dear Mr Bishop

**Yarraman Abattoir and Feedlot (SSD-7645)
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

Please find attached a copy of the amended Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for Yarraman Abattoir and Feedlot (SSD-7645) on Merriwa Road, Hollydeen in the Muswellbrook local government area

These requirements have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities based on the information you have provided to date. I have also attached a copy of the public authorities' comments for your information.

Please note that the Planning Secretary may modify these requirements at any time.

If you do not submit a Development Application (DA) and EIS within 2 years, you must consult further with the Planning Secretary in relation to the preparation of the EIS.

Prior to exhibiting the EIS, the Department will review the document in consultation with relevant authorities to determine if it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. You will be required to submit an amended EIS if it does not adequately address the requirements.

The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of effective and genuine community consultation. A comprehensive open and transparent community consultation engagement process must be undertaken during the preparation of the EIS. This process must ensure that the community is provided with a good understanding of what is proposed, description of any potential impacts and they are actively engaged in issues of concern to them.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit your DA and EIS. This will enable the Department to:

- confirm the applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*); and
- determine the number of copies (hard-copy and digital) of the DA and EIS that will be required for reviewing purposes.

If your development is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any

approvals required under NSW legislation. It is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Morales on (02) 9274 6386 or pamela.morales@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

Enclosed:

Amended SEARs

Attachment 1 – Agency advice