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Subject: Warringah Freeway Upgrade (SSI-8863): Place, Design and Landscape Plan (Condition E180)

Dear Mr Sheppard,

I refer to your submission dated 13 December 2022. I understand that you are seeking the Department's agreement to commence construction of permanent built works that are the subject of the Place, Design and Landscape Plan (PDLP), before the PDLP has been approved in accordance with condition E180 of SSI-8863.

I note that the works include retaining walls at multiple locations across the project to support various structures, including the Warringah Freeway mainline and portal structures, to enable the Western Harbour Tunnel works, shown in Attachment B of your submission. The scheduled start date for commencement of these works is December 2022.

I further note that you have indicated that the PDLP will not be finalised and submitted to the Department for approval until May 2023 and that the outcomes from the Design Review Panel (DRP) and consultation with relevant councils, the community and affected landowners and businesses has not yet been completed.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to the above works commencing prior to the approval of the PDLP.

However, I remind you that these works remain subject to resolution through the PDLP process with advice and recommendations of the DRP. You must continue meaningful consultation with the DRP to finalise the design of the retaining walls. As such, you must ensure that your construction program does not prevent you from being able to implement the advice and recommendations of the DRP and make any necessary changes that may be approved as part of the final PDLP.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Shelley Reed at shelley.reed@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Crinnion'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'D' and a smaller 'C'.

Dominic Crinnion
Acting Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary