

Our ref: SSI-8896-PA-38

Mr Tommy Zhang
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Subject: Community Communication Strategy

Dear Mr Zhang

I refer to your submission dated requesting approval of the Community Communication Strategy (rev 2, 11 November 2024). I also acknowledge your response to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure's (the Department) review comments and request for additional information.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions in approval SSI-8896.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Community Communication Strategy (rev 2, 11 November 2024).

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Strategy and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

The Department notes the separate request that has been made to utilise the **Community Consultative Committee Guidelines (2023)**. The request has been considered and a direction made requiring the use of the updated guideline, including that any approved plans or strategies are taken to adopt the requirements of the **Community Consultative Committee Guidelines (2023)**. This is inclusive of the approved Community Communication Strategy (rev 2, 11 November 2024).

Please note that approval of this strategy does not permit the commencement of construction activities. Construction activities are defined in the Approval and approval of the full Construction

Environmental Management Plan is required under condition C11 prior to the commencement of construction activities.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 02 8217 2045.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LSE', written in a cursive style.

Lloyd Eley-Smith

Team Leader, Water and Transport Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary