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**COMMENTS TO DA 315-7-2003 MOD 4 RELOCATE STOCKPILING AND
COMPOSTING ACTIVITIES SUBMISSION**

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (the Department) provides the following comments in relation to DA 315-7-2003 Mod 4 by Epic Mining Pty Limited.

The Western Sydney Airport development is an important one for the Western Sydney region both in terms of economic benefits in investment through business growth and the creation of jobs for the people of Western Sydney.

The Western Sydney Airport Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has now been finalised. The assessment outlines a number of mitigation and management measures to protect the environmental value of the airport site and surrounding Western Sydney region. There is, however, no specific reference to quarry mine activity or stockpiling of shale.

Epic Mining is a former tenant on the Western Sydney Airport site. As the shale quarry is located on the boundary of the airport site and access to the quarry is required from the airport site, the Department has provided Epic Mining with a short term access licence arrangement until such time as other suitable access arrangements can be made by Epic Mining.

The Department supports this modified development application and accompanying Environmental Assessment as it will assist Epic Mining in putting in place access arrangements to the quarry from quarry-owned land and the removal of existing clay and shale stockpiles from the airport site.

The request for consideration of an appropriate transitional period for movement of the shale in the submission is noted. The Australian Government is committed to providing a tenant-free site and, where feasible, obstacle-free for the proposed Western Sydney Airport site. Therefore, removal of the shale from airport land in a timely manner is important in relation to moving forward with the airport development.

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