

Mr Chris Best
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30/09/2021

Dear Mr Best

Merimbula Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade and Ocean Outfall (SSI-7614)
Response to Submissions

The exhibition of the development application for the above proposal - including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) ended on 21 Sep 2021. All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10641>.

The Department requires that you provide a Response to Submissions that addresses the issues identified in the submissions from members of the public, interest groups and government agencies as well as the attached supplementary key issues. The Department strongly encourages you to consult with these government agencies during the preparation of the Response to Submissions. In addition, the Department requires you to also address in the Response to Submissions further requests for information on project development, Aboriginal heritage, water quality, Crown lands, bush fire risk, and maritime traffic.

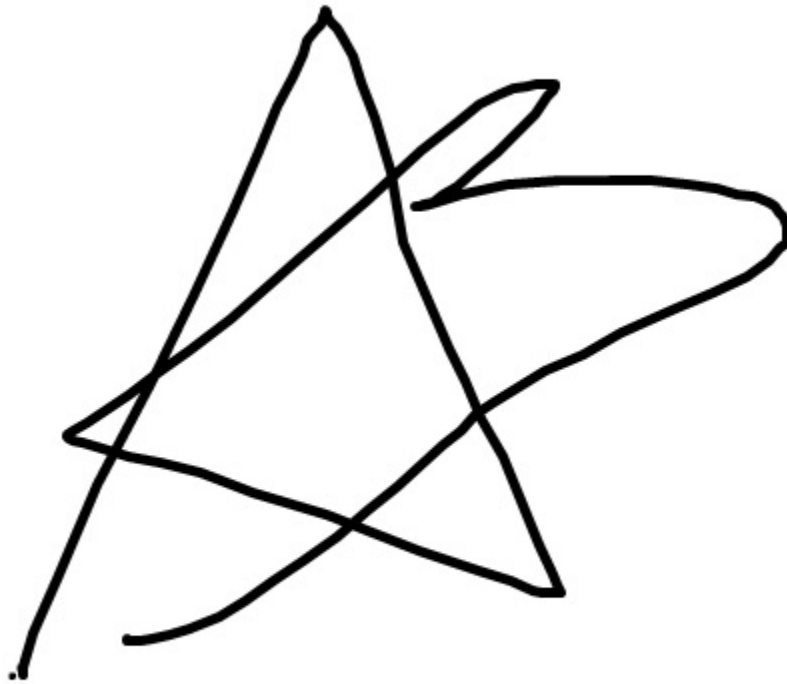
Should components of the proposal be amended to improve the design of the proposal, respond to issues raised in submissions or reduce the impacts of the project, BVSC must outline these changes to the proposal in an Amendment Report with any amended SSI application. The Department may exhibit and seek public comments on the Amendment Report.

The issues raised by submissions must be adequately addressed to ensure determination timeframes are met. Should assessment matters not be adequately addressed, the Department may request a Preferred Infrastructure Report. Under Section 5.17 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Planning Secretary may require a Preferred Infrastructure Report be submitted. The Department may exhibit the Preferred Infrastructure Report

Please lodge your response by progressing the application on the major projects planning portal <https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>.

If you have any questions in relation to this, please contact Mark Wisely on 9873 8526 at Mark.Wisely@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Attached: Supplementary Key Issues