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Dear Mr Zhang

Response to Submissions for Kariong Sand and Soil Supply Facility SSD 8660

I refer to the Response to Submissions (RTS) for State Significant Development 8660 for expansion and upgrade of the Kariong Sand and Soil Supply Facility.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

DPI Agriculture provided comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in our letter dated 26 March 2019. The comments addressed issues related to the potential biosecurity impacts of the facility.

The RTS has still not adequately addressed the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and the general biosecurity duty with respect to the proposed development.

Biosecurity risks are not limited to the potential to impact native biodiversity they also affect the economy, the community and the broader environment.

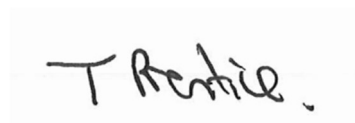
The proposal needs to address the potential for soil movements to the site from the Sydney basin phylloxera infested area. The movement of soil out of a Phylloxera Infested Zone is prohibited under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* and there are also movement restrictions on other phylloxera carriers such as mulch and garden organics.

Additionally, if the proposed facility is intending to receive waste from other jurisdictions, there may be movement restrictions in place with respect to other regulated pests of concern such as red imported fire ant, green snail and potato cyst nematodes.

It is recommended that should the application be approved, then a condition of development consent require the preparation of a Biosecurity Management Plan to address the biosecurity risk from all weeds, pests and pathogens that may be encountered by the facility's handling of material.

Should you require clarification on biosecurity specific information contained in this response, please contact DPI Biosecurity and Food Safety on bfs.portal@dpi.nsw.gov.au or should you have a general enquiry please contact Paul Garnett, Agricultural Land Use Planning Officer, on 0429 864 501 or by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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