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Department of Planning
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Dear Michael,

I refer to the request referred to the Department of Planning on the 19th October, 2010 relating to the relocation of the proposed 500m range at the site of the regional shooting facility at Hill Top.

It was detailed in that advice that Communities NSW (Sport and Recreation) was faced with a major construction issue in respect to the 500m range once we received more precise survey data. It was clear that our ability to construct that range was severely impacted by the topography.

Our letter yesterday detailed that this agency varied the relevant drawing in a manner that would permit the range to be physically constructed, in summary, by moving the two ranges (500m rifle range initially) towards Wattle Ridge Road.

You indicated this morning that the Department would require additional information to allow it to vary the approved drawing in respect to the 500m rifle range, 200 pistol/rifle range and the sedimentation pond to the west of those ranges. In summary, you sought greater detail on the rationale for the relocation, any impact on the surrounding ecology, a clear delineation of the extent of the relocation and detail on the clearing work to date.

GHD Pty Ltd were requested this morning to provide that detail. I attach for your consideration:

- (a) A summary by Alex Horton, Civil Engineer, GHD dated 20th October, 2010 of the rationale and clear ecological benefits for the relocation;
- (b) Drawing 21-17850-C004 which shows the earlier approved drawing (in red outline) and the relocated position (in black outline);
- (c) Drawing 21-17850-C010 which details the revised 200m and 500 range plan (in relocated position) and dated 11th October, 2010.
- (d) A report and drawing by Peter Cornish, Hard & Forrester (Registered Surveyor) of the clearing work undertaken to date
- (e) Related to (c), a drawing (21-17850-SK100) showing the clearing path/area to date;
- (f) A revised overview of the positioning of the various range danger templates which continue to be contained within Lot 100, DP 1088254.

Also attached are Figures B-1 and B-2 which detail the flora and fauna spring survey effort.



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I trust this information will allow the Department of Planning to vary the approved drawing documentation that reflects the relocated position of the 500m and 200m ranges. It is clear that the benefits overall in the relocated position are significant and that there are no net negative impacts on the surrounding environment and ecology.

We seek your urgent consideration of this application.

Yours sincerely,

Darryl Clout
General Manager

20.10.10