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Dear Mr Edminson

**State Significant Development
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
Dubbo Quarry Continuation Project (SSD-10417)**

Please find attached the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Dubbo Quarry Extension project. These requirements have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities based on the information you have provided to date. The agencies' comments are attached for you information (see **Attachment 2**). You must have regard to these comments in the preparation of the EIS.

Please note that the Planning Secretary may modify these requirements at any time. If you do not submit a Development Application (DA) and EIS for the development within 2 years, you must consult further with the Planning Secretary in relation to the preparation of the EIS.

Prior to exhibiting the EIS, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) will review the document in consultation with relevant authorities to determine if it addresses these SEARs. You may be required to submit an amended EIS if it does not adequately address the requirements.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit your DA and EIS. This will enable the Department to provide lodgement instructions, confirm the applicable fee, determine the required number of copies of the EIS and discuss potential exhibition periods.

The Department recognises that Holcim has already commenced stakeholder engagement as part of its routine consultation program, and to inform its social impact assessment (SIA). Further, the Scoping report included a SIA Scoping Report, prepared in accordance with Department's *Social Impact Assessment Guideline*, that has relied on key stakeholder and community views to identify potential social impacts of the development requiring further consideration and assessment in the EIS.

The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of effective and genuine community consultation where a comprehensive open and transparent community consultation engagement process must be undertaken during the preparation of the EIS. This process must ensure that the community is provided with a good understanding of what is proposed, description of any potential impacts and they are actively engaged in issues of concern to them.

If your development is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will also require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation; however, there may be opportunity to streamline the two assessment processes in accordance with the Bilateral Agreement between the NSW and Commonwealth governments. Please contact the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any enquiries about these requirements, please contact Melissa Anderson on the details listed above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Spratt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew Spratt
Director
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

Enclosed: **Attachment 2**