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Dear Mr Woodbury

**Planning and Assessment
Energy, Industry and Compliance**

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**State Significant Development
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements and
Commonwealth Governments Environmental Assessment Requirements
Deep Creek Quarry (SSD-11591659)**

Please find attached the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Deep Creek Quarry Project (the Project). These requirements have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities based on the information you have provided to date. NSW Government agency comments are provided at **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 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 the Environment (the Department) will review the document in consultation with relevant authorities to determine if it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. You may be required to submit an amended EIS if it does not adequately address the requirements.

The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of effective and genuine community consultation. 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, a description of any potential impacts, and an opportunity to actively engage in issues of concern to them.

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 fees, determine the required number of copies of the EIS and discuss potential exhibition periods.

On 7 December 2020, a delegate for the Minister of Agriculture, Water and the Environment determined the project to be a controlled action under Section 75 of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). On that date, the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) also determined that the Project will be assessed under the Amended Bilateral Agreement between the NSW and the Commonwealth Governments.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has incorporated the relevant matters for assessment under the EPBC Act. A copy of the Commonwealth Government's Environmental Assessment Requirements is provided at **Attachment 3**. You must have regard to these comments in the preparation of the EIS.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Sprott', with a stylized, cursive script.

Matthew Sprott
Director
Resource Assessments (Coal & Quarries)

as delegate of the Planning Secretary

Enclosed: Attachment 2 – NSW Government Agency Requirements
Attachment 3 – Commonwealth Government Requirements