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Mr Nicholas Cornish
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Dear Mr Cornish

**Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
Northern Rivers Brewery (SSD-24147749)**

Please find attached a copy of the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Northern Rivers Brewery State significant development application (DA) at Lot 516 DP 1132400, 34-38 Honeyeater Circuit, South Murwillumbah, in the Tweed local government area (LGA).

The SEARs have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities and are based on the information you have provided to date. Their comments are attached for your information. Please note the Planning Secretary may modify these requirements at any time.

Please contact the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) at least two weeks before you propose to submit your DA and EIS. This will enable the Department to confirm the consultation and public exhibition arrangements, including format requirements for the DA and EIS.

Prior to exhibiting the EIS, the Department will review the document in consultation with the relevant public authorities to determine if it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (the Regulation). You will be required to submit an amended EIS if it does not adequately address these requirements. If you do not submit a DA and EIS for the development within two years, the SEARs will expire. A written request to extend the SEARs expiry date may be made to the Planning Secretary before the expiry date.

Community Consultation

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 (including a description of any potential impacts) and they are actively engaged in issues of concern to them.



Please note, the Department will require clear evidence that this consultation has been undertaken and justification for the proposed consultation method(s) used.

Commonwealth Requirements

If your development is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will 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 and it is your responsibility to 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).

Your assigned planning officer is Thomas Bertwistle. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Bertwistle on 02 8275 1025 or via email at Thomas.Bertwistle@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Ritchie'.

Chris Ritchie
Director
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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

Attached: Issued Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements