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Mr Howard Reed Director Resource Assessments Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Reed

Rix's Creek Extension Project (SSD 6300) Response to Submissions Addendum

We refer to your letter of 20 January 2017 providing various comments on the Response to Submissions Addendum provided to you late in 2016.

We note that you have requested that a Revised Response to Submissions Addendum Report be submitted as soon as possible and no later than 15 February 2017.

While we appreciate the Department's keenness to progress this matter we note that your letter raises various matters that have the potential for significant implications for Bloomfield.

While we are endeavouring to meet your 15 February 2017 deadline unfortunately this will not be possible given the detail required to respond to the issues in your letter properly and the fact that various experts have not been able to provide the required information to meet the deadline.

We are endeavouring to obtain this information as quickly as possible and to provide you with the required Revised Response to Submissions Addendum Report as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Regards

Yours sincerely

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