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Dear Ms Patterson

### **RE: SSD 6634 Sutton Forest Quarry Project – EIS Exhibition – Interim Response**

Thank you for consulting us regarding the abovementioned major project. We can confirm that a full response to the EIS will be provided by 28 June 2018. As discussed, please see below our interim comments summarising likely issues arising with this proposal:

#### **Biodiversity & Offsets**

- Demonstration of requirement to avoid impacts in accordance with “avoid, minimise, offset” framework
- Survey effort for certain threatened species and impact assessment under the BioBanking Assessment Methodology (BBAM)
- Impacts upon the biodiversity corridor, particularly regarding koala movements within the site and surrounds
- Project referral to the Commonwealth regarding potential impacts on threatened species affecting Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES)

#### **Impacts upon Long Swamp**

- Status of Long Swamp as an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) under Commonwealth and NSW legislation
- Potential loss of groundwater to Long Swamp EEC
- Issues with groundwater modelling analysis and flow monitoring
- Potential impacts of sediment dam overflows
- Geomorphic instability of Long Swamp

#### **Aboriginal Cultural Heritage**

- Ensuring adequate safeguards to protect the rock art site (52-4-0323) as a priority
- Timing of preparation and appropriate level of consultation for the proposed Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP)

- Detailed information on the proposed archaeological salvage process, in accordance with legislative requirements and in consultation with the Aboriginal community
- Process for long term management of salvaged Aboriginal objects

It is clear from our preliminary review that this project has complex sensitivities and requires careful consideration. As such, the abovementioned issues (to be detailed in our response to follow) may not be exhaustive. In the meantime, your ongoing patience is appreciated. Please contact Calvin Houlison, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 4224 4179 or via e-mail [calvin.houlison@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:calvin.houlison@environment.nsw.gov.au) should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



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