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Dear Mr Sprague

Bobs Farm Sand Quarry Project (SSD 6395) Social Impact Assessment Guideline

The Department of Planning and Environment's *Social impact assessment guideline for State significant mining, petroleum production, and extractive industry development* (2017) was released on 8 September 2017. The guideline can be accessed on the Department's website: <u>http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Under-review-and-new-Policy-and-Legislation/Social-Impact-Assessments</u>.

From 8 September 2017, all Environmental Assessment Requirements (EARs) to be issued for State significant mining, petroleum production or extractive industry proposals will require an assessment of social impacts to be prepared in accordance with this new guideline.

The guideline will not directly apply to proposals for which the Department has issued EARs before 8 September 2017 and receives a development application within six months of that date (refer to category 2 of the transitional arrangements in Table 1 of the guideline). The Department understands that your project is likely to fall within this category.

However, even if your development application is lodged prior to 8 March 2018, the Department can request additional information about the potential social impacts of the proposal and your assessment of those impacts if it is reasonably required to properly consider the application. Any requests for additional information made by the Department will be consistent with the new guideline.

Should your development application be delayed beyond 8 March 2018 (see category 1), then the following supplementary EAR will apply to your project and must be addressed in your EIS:

The EIS must include a detailed assessment of the likely social impacts of the development on the local and regional community in accordance with the *Social impact assessment guideline for State significant mining, petroleum production and extractive industry development* (2017).

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Jessie Evans on 9274 6419.

Yours sincerely

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Howard Reed Director Resource Assessments as the Secretary's nominee