

Mr Gary Brassington
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23/12/2021

Dear Mr Brassington

**Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSI-33143123)
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

Please find attached a copy of the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) for the Dendrobium Mine Extension Project (SSI-33143123) development application (DA) and environmental impact statement (EIS).

The SEARs have been prepared in consultation with relevant public authorities, based on the information you have provided. A copy of the advice from the public authorities is attached for your information.

Where relevant, the Planning Secretary may modify the SEARs to ensure the environmental assessment of the project covers all relevant matters and is consistent with contemporary assessment practice.

Your SEARs will expire two years from the date of issue (or the date they were last modified) unless the Planning Secretary has granted an extension. If you would like to seek an extension, you should contact the Department at least three months prior to the expiry date.

If your EIS is not submitted within two years (or by the agreed extension date), you will need to make a new application for SEARs to progress your project.

Preparing your EIS

Your EIS must be prepared having regard to the Department's new *State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines* – including the *Preparing an Environmental Impact Statement Guideline*. All relevant guides for *State Significant Projects* that are referenced in the SEARs are available at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/Rapid-Assessment-Framework

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Please note, if you submit your EIS after 31 December 2022, a Registered Environmental Assessment Practitioner (REAP) will need to declare that your EIS meets certain standards in relation to compliance, completeness, accuracy and legibility.

Submitting your EIS

Once you submit your EIS, we will check it for completeness to confirm it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. We will also notify you of the application fee for your project.

Please note that your DA is not taken to be lodged until the DA fee has been paid.

To minimise delays, please contact the Department at least two weeks before you submit your EIS to confirm fee and payment arrangements. This will give us sufficient time to ensure your application fee can be determined quickly.

Information needed to determine the application fee

Your EIS may need to be accompanied by a Quantity Surveyor's Report supporting the estimated cost of works for your project. You must ensure that the information in the report is consistent with the information provided in your application form.

Public exhibition requirements

When you contact us regarding the applicable DA fee, we will also advise whether hard and/or electronic copies of the DA and EIS will be required for public exhibition.

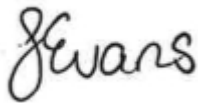
Matters of National Environmental Significance

Any development likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance will require approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval is in addition to approvals required under NSW legislation.

It is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to determine if you need approval under the EPBC Act (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Gabrielle Allan on 02 9585 6078 or gabrielle.allan@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

Attached:

1. SEARs
2. Agency Advice