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Director, Commission Secretariat
Planning Assessment Commission
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000

By post and email: pac@pac.nsw.gov.au

Dear Director

Application for information under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*

Wilpinjong Extension Project (SSD 6764)

1. We act for the the Wollar Progress Association Inc (**WPA**), a local community group based in Wollar, NSW. WPA are concerned about the impacts of the recently approved Wilpinjong Extension Project (SSD 6764) (**Project**), on the community of Wollar.
2. We refer to the decision of the Planning Assessment Commission (**PAC**) to grant development consent to the Project on 24 April 2017 (**Consent**).
3. We write to request access to documents under section 41 of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW).

Documents requested

4. On behalf of our client we seek copies of the following information:
 - a. All records of correspondence and communications (inclusive of memos, diary notes, file notes, records of telephone conversations, records of meetings, facsimiles, emails and letters) between the Planning Assessment Commission and the Department of Planning and Environment or the Minister for Planning, with regard to the Project.
5. This request excludes any information publicly available.

Request for fee waiver

6. We **enclose** a cheque in the sum of \$30 by way of the access application fee.
7. Our client is a local, not-for-profit community group. Our client considers the information the subject of this application could reasonably be expected to inform it about the considerations made by the PAC in determining to grant the Consent,

including whether those considerations were made in accordance with the requirements of the relevant legislation.

8. Accordingly, our client requests a reduction or full waiver of any processing charges that might ordinarily apply on the basis that this application is made in the public interest and seeks access to information that is of special benefit for the Wollar community whom will be impacted by the Project.
9. In the alternative, we ask that any fees associated be reduced by 50% pursuant to section 66 of the GIPA Act. This section provides that processing charges may be reduced where there is a special public benefit to the general public.
10. We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Given the narrow scope of the request we would appreciate provisions of the request information as soon as possible.

Please contact me on (02) 9262 6989 or via ross.mackay@edonsw.org.au if you have any questions about this application. Our client requests that documents are provided by email to the above address.

Yours sincerely

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