



26 August 2024

Jessie Evans
Director
Energy & Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Jessie,

**Sancrox Quarry Expansion Project (SSD 7293)
Questions on Notice**

I refer to the State significant development application for the Sancrox Quarry Expansion Project (SSD 7293) (**Application**), currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

Following the Commission's meeting with the Department on 20 August 2024, the Commission is seeking information from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**Department**) on the following matters:

The Application

- 1) We note that there are differences in what's before us compared to the application as made. Can the Department advise whether an amendment is required in order for the Panel to determine this matter – and if so, whether that can be communicated to the Applicant for its consideration?

Biodiversity

- 2) Please demonstrate how the Application meets each of the relevant requirements of SEPP 44, particularly:
 - a) Clause 7 – Is the land potential koala habitat?
 - b) Clause 8 – Is the land core koala habitat?
 - c) Clause 9 – Can development consent be granted in relation to core koala habitat?
- 3) If the Department is of the view that clause 9 of SEPP 44 applies to the Application, has a plan of management in accordance with Part 3 of SEPP 44 been prepared? If not, how can the Commission grant consent to the Application without satisfaction of the precondition in clause 9 of SEPP 44?

Rehabilitation

- 4) Are there any relevant standards to guide progressive rehabilitation as proposed by recommended condition B51?

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

- 5) What, if any, specific measures does the Department propose for the protection of the potentially culturally modified tree referenced on pg 67 of the Department's Assessment Report?

- 6) Has specific Aboriginal cultural heritage advice informed the Department's assessment of the potentially culturally modified tree?

The Commission requests that the Department provide a response by **5pm on 2 September 2024**.

Should you require any clarification in relation to the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact Brad James. [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen Barry
Planning Director