



7 November 2024

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

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Jessie,

**Stone Ridge Quarry (SSD-10432)
Request for Information**

I refer to the State significant development application for the Stone Ridge Quarry Project (SSD-10432) (**Application**), currently before the Independent Planning Commission (**Commission**) for determination.

Following the Commission's stakeholder meetings with the Applicant and Port Stephens Council (**Council**), the Commission is seeking a response from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**Department**) on the following matters:

1. Please provide an assessment of the proposed development against the relevant provisions of the *Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013* (LEP), including but not limited to the following clauses:
 - a. 5.1 Heritage conservation
 - b. 7.1 Acid sulfate soils
 - c. 7.2 Earthworks
 - d. 7.6 Essential services
 - e. 7.8 Drinking water catchments
2. The Panel notes that in its correspondence to the Department dated 9 September 2024, the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science (BCS) Group of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) provided the following comments regarding the Applicant's Amphibian Survey:

"BCS is willing to accept previous survey effort for this species in this instance.

Recommended action:

The consultant should undertake future surveys for this or any other project during suitable rain events. Suitable rainfall events are outlined in the 'Survey guidelines for Australia's threatened frogs: Guidelines for detecting frogs listed as threatened under the EPBC Act (2010 DEWHA)'. These events occur within one week of heavy rainfall (October–February) (heavy rainfall is >50 mm in seven days) with a minimum of four nights under ideal conditions."

The Commission seeks clarification from the BCS Group whether its recommended actions are for future surveys to be undertaken as part of this application (SSD-10432).



The Commission requests that the Department provide a response by **5pm on Wednesday 27 November 2024**.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen Barry
Planning Director