



3 October 2024

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

via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Jessie,

### **Sancrox Quarry Expansion Request for Information**

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

Thank you for your response dated 24 September 2024 regarding the Department's whole-of-government assessment of the impacts of the Application on Koala habitat.

Given that 'loss, modification and fragmentation of habitat' is the single biggest threat to the Koala<sup>1</sup>, and the Application would remove 29.89 ha of existing Koala habitat and 'increase barriers to movement and dispersal of Koalas in the locality, particularly in a north-south direction'<sup>2</sup>, the Commission considers that maintaining Koala access to habitat areas north and south of the Site is an important outcome for this Application. To that end, the Commission is concerned that the Department's recommended conditions of consent do not provide sufficient certainty or finality with respect to the staging of the development.

To assist the Commission with its deliberations, the Department is requested to prepare draft conditions of consent that include the detail identified in items A and B below. Please consult with the Applicant and BCS, and others as necessary, regarding the feasibility and practicality of implementing any such conditions.

- A. Specific performance and completion criteria including benchmarks to be achieved for the revegetation of existing cleared areas of the site (in Appendix 8) prior to the commencement of clearing within the areas of significant Koala activity identified in Appendix 9 or outside the Stage 1 Limit of Extraction (as shown on Figure 1 in Appendix 2);
- B. Clarification by specifying that clearing of vegetation beyond the equivalent of the Stage 1 extraction area would be contingent on the performance and completion criteria in item A (above) having been met.

The Commission requests that the Department provide a response by **5pm on Thursday, 17 October 2024**.

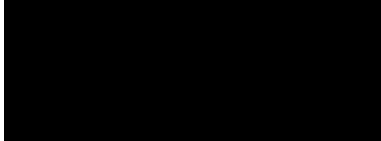
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<sup>1</sup> <https://threatenedspecies.bionet.nsw.gov.au/profile?id=10616>

<sup>2</sup> Department's Assessment Report, paragraph 83

Should you require clarification or additional time to respond to the queries above, please contact Brad James at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen Barry  
Planning Director