

Director-General's Requirements

Section 75F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Project	The proposed Somersby Fields Project, which includes establishing a new sand quarry and producing up to 450,000 tonnes of sand a year.
Site	Lot 41 DP 1046841, Lot 1 DP 302768, and Peats Ridge Road Reserve in the Gosford local government area
Proponent	Somersby Fields Partnership
Date of Issue	6 January 2006
Date of Expiration	6 January 2008
General Requirements	<p>The Environmental Assessment must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be scientifically rigorous, and prepared in accordance with best practice; • be certified by the author; • include an executive summary; • describe all stages of the project in detail (including rehabilitation of the site); • include a general environmental risk analysis of the project; • describe the consultation that was carried out during the preparation of the Environmental Assessment, and the issues that were raised during this consultation; • assess the key assessment requirements specified below; • include a draft Statement of Commitments; and • consider the impacts of the project (as a whole), and justify why it should be approved.
Key Assessment Requirements	<p>The Environmental Assessment must assess the following potential impacts of the project, with particular emphasis on the Somersby Public School, and describe what measures would be implemented to avoid, minimise, mitigate, offset, manage and/or monitor these impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise – refer to the <i>NSW Industrial Noise Policy</i>, <i>Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise</i>, and <i>Environmental Noise Control Manual</i> (Department of Environment and Conservation); • Air – refer to the <i>Approved Methods for the Modelling and Assessment of Air Pollutants in NSW</i> and <i>Approved Methods for the Sampling and Analysis of Air Pollutants in NSW</i> (Department of Environment and Conservation); • Soil and Water – include a detailed water balance, and refer to <i>Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality</i> and <i>Guidelines for Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting</i> (ANZECC 2000); <i>Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction</i> (Landcom); the various <i>State Groundwater Policy</i> documents, <i>Water Sharing Plan for the Kulnara Mangrove Mountain Groundwater Sources</i>, and <i>Farm Dams Policy</i> (Department of Natural Resources). • Transport – refer to the <i>Guide to Traffic Generating Development and Road Design Guide</i> (Roads and Traffic Authority), or relevant Austroad standards; • Flora and Fauna – refer to the draft <i>Guidelines for Threatened Species Assessment</i> (Department of Environment and Conservation); and • Heritage – refer to the draft <i>Guidelines for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment and Community Consultation</i> (Department of Environment and Conservation); and • Visual.
Consultation	During the preparation of the EA, you must consult with the relevant local, State, and Commonwealth government authorities, service providers, community groups, affected landowners, and in particular the Department of Education and Training, the principal of the Somersby Public School, and the Somersby Public School Parents and Citizens Association.
Deemed refusal period	60 days