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Your Reference: Blackhill MP10\_0093  
Our Reference: 11/49046

Dear Mrs Johnston

**RE: Blackhill Employment Lands Concept Plan, MP10\_0093**

I refer to the above major project concept plan application, which was referred to the Department of Education and Training (the Department) for comment on 25 February 2011. The following comments are made on the proposed development, based on information provided by the Department of Planning.

**1. Land Uses**

The Department does not object to the proposed zoning of land for employment purposes and supports the zoning laws prohibiting Education Establishment in the proposed zonings. The Department concurs with the proponent that a land use for Education Establishment would be incompatible with the large scale industrial super lots.

**2. Social Infrastructure Strategy**

The Department notes that Section 4.4 of the Social Infrastructure Strategy prepared by Urbis assesses that there may be cumulative impacts on education needs. However this impact has not been mitigated or accounted for in the Environmental Assessment. It is recommended that the proponent address this potential impact in the Preferred Project Report.

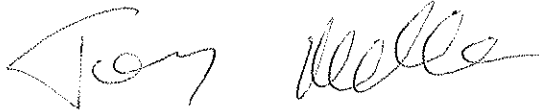
**3. Voluntary Planning Agreement**

The Department notes that the Voluntary Planning Agreement does not include education specific items. Whilst education facilities are not required in Blackhill Employment Lands, the Department notes that Coal and Allied have a number of development proposals that will require education facilities (e.g. Minmi), which also does not include specific education contributions.

The absence of specific education establishment contributions will place considerable constraints on the Department in terms of the provision of future education infrastructure. The Department is available to discuss alternative arrangements with Coal and Allied.

Please contact Martin Karm, Statutory Planner on 9661 8147 or email [martin.karm@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:martin.karm@det.nsw.edu.au) should you require any further assistance or clarifications in relation to this submission.

Yours Sincerely



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1 April 2011