



Mr Sean Pennell  
General Manager  
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05/11/2021

Dear Mr Pennell

**Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry (SSD-6125)  
Independent Environmental Audit 2021**

Reference is made to the Independent Environmental Audit (IEA) report and Response to Audit Recommendations (RAR) for the Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry (the project), prepared as required by Schedule 5 Conditions 12 and 13 of SSD-6125 (the consent) and submitted by Newcastle Sand to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) on 14 October 2021.

The Department considers that the IEA report generally satisfies the reporting requirements of the approval. Please note that acceptance of this report is not endorsement of the compliance status of the project.

Non-compliances identified in the IEA will be assessed in accordance with the Department's Compliance Policy. Further correspondence may be sent in relation to the identified non-compliances.

Additionally, the Department notes that the RAR does not include a completion date for each action as required. Please amend the RAR with an extra column to include a completion date for every action and submit to the Department by **19 November 2021**.

Finally, the Department notes that Newcastle Sand have committed in the RAR to revise and submit for review an updated Air Quality Management Plan accounting for the auditor recommendations. In accordance with Schedule 5 Condition 4 of the consent, please submit the revised AQMP to the Department by **25 February 2022**.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Ann Hagerthy, Senior Compliance Officer, on (02) 6575 3407 or via email [compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H Watters'.

Heidi Watters  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary