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Dear Mr Hurst

Proposed Concrete Batching Plant, Site Adjacent to Old Mullengandra Tip – Hume Highway Duplication Project (Condition 5.4)

I refer to correspondence from the Hume Highway Southern Alliance via email dated 2 May 2008 regarding the establishment and operation of a concrete batching plant to be located next to the existing Hume Highway adjacent to the old Mullengandra tip in the Woomargama to Table Top section of the Hume Highway Duplication project.

The proposed concrete batching plant site does not meet the location criteria specified for ancillary infrastructure in Condition 5.4 of the Concept Approval and therefore the Director-General's approval is required. The provision of a concrete batch plant at the site also requires the approval of the Director-General in accordance with condition 75 of the Minister's 1998 approval.

The Department has reviewed the documents entitled *Submission in Relation to the Establishment of a Concrete Batching Plant – Site Adjacent to the Old Mullengandra Tip Site* dated 2 April 2008 and the revised *Mullengandra Batching Plant Noise Impact Assessment* dated 20 May 2008 and notes that a number of the surrounding sensitive receivers are expected to experience noise levels from the site that exceed the nominated daytime and evening noise criteria by no more than 1dB(A). The Department considers this exceedance to be acceptable and within margins of error associated with the conservative noise modelling approach.

The Director-General has approved the establishment of a concrete batching plant adjacent to the old Mullengandra tip, subject to the following conditions:

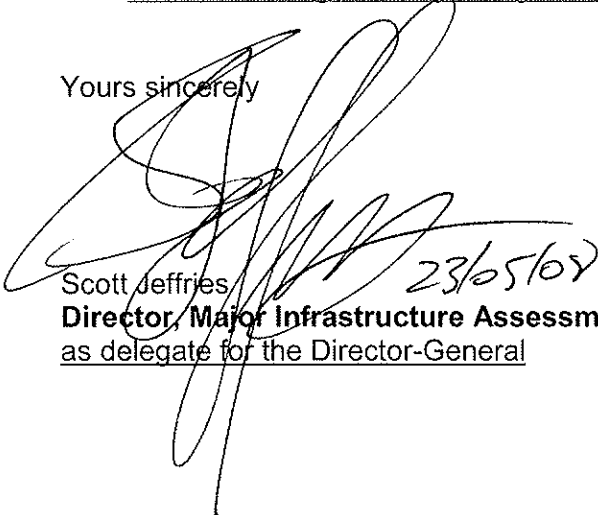
- all commitments and mitigation measures made in the Hume Highway Duplication Project Southern Alliance – Woomargama to Table Top: *Submission in Relation to Establishment of a Concrete Batching Plant – Site Adjacent to the Old Mullengandra Tip Site* (dated 2 April 2008) and as supplemented by the *Mullengandra Tip - Response to Questions* (dated 2 May 2008) are implemented;
- all noise mitigation measures outlined in Tables 5.1 and 5.2 of the revised report entitled *Mullengandra Batching Plant Noise Assessment* (dated 20 May 2008) must be implemented at the site prior to the commencement of concrete production from the plant;
- identify and implement any additional reasonable and feasible mitigation measures once final machinery and batch plant equipment has been confirmed to reduce noise emissions from the site to enable compliance with the daytime and evening noise criteria (as outlined in Table 4.3 of the abovementioned revised report) at the closest residential receivers;

- revision of the relevant Construction Environmental Management Plans and work method statements to incorporate the above referenced commitments and mitigation measures; and
- ongoing noise monitoring and auditing of the batch plant site in accordance with methods and timing outlined in the approved Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan.

It should be noted that the hours of operation for the Mullengandra batch plant site must be undertaken in accordance with the Minister's approval, i.e. Monday to Friday (7.00 am to 7.00 pm) and Saturdays (7.00 am to 4.00 pm). An extension to the abovementioned operational hours shall only occur if a separate approval is granted by the Director-General in accordance with condition 2.14 of the Minister's approval and condition 28A of the Minister's 1998 approval.

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