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Dear Sir/Madam

## **SUBMISSION TO DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE SEPP**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Infrastructure SEPP. The aim to improve the planning and delivery of future community infrastructure and upgrading existing services through the proposed changes is supported.

Specific comments with regard to the changes, including additional recommendations for inclusion are provided below.

### ***Electricity Generating Works***

The proposal to relocate the provisions relating to solar energy systems and wind turbines to State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 is supported. This is the most appropriate location for such provisions because they relate to domestic infrastructure.

However, it is recommended that provisions are included in the Draft Infrastructure SEPP with respect to the reuse of biogas and associated infrastructure for electricity generation by public authorities.

### ***Emergency Services Facilities***

The proposal to include the NSW Police in Division 6 of the Infrastructure SEPP is supported. However, as many emergency services are now seeking to co-locate, it is recommended that the proposed provisions are expanded to include the State Emergency Service (SES).

### ***Waste Management Facilities***

Presently Division 23 does not allow any works associated with a waste management facility to be undertaken as exempt development or without consent.

It is recommended that the proposed provisions are amended to enable minor works to be carried out by public authorities without consent. For example:

- Environmental management works such as those required to achieve compliance with a license issued by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA);
- Amenity and/or office facilities; and
- Workshops and/or storage sheds.

### **Parks and Other Public Reserves**

The proposed expansion of the provisions relating to Parks and Public Reserves is supported.

However, it is recommended that the provisions are expanded to provide for temporary events to be held in public reserves and parks where those events are hosted by a public authority. Some controls around the events would need to be specified, such as hours of operation and traffic management.

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**Traffic generating developments to be referred to Roads and Maritime Services**

The proposed changes to the scheduled activities to align with standard definitions is appropriate.

For clarity, consideration should be given to including a statement as to whether the minimum size requirements apply to the area of the land or the area of the building. In some instances, a lot may be over 20,000m<sup>2</sup> in area, but the floor area of the building may be substantially less.

Yours faithfully



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