

Submission on the proponent initiated EIS referral (including draft terms of reference)

Southern Cross Agri Pty Ltd – Sweetwater Agricultural Development-Stage 1

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

Government authority: Department of Logistics and Infrastructure – Transport and Civil Infrastructure

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
NA	Social Impacts	<p>The Transport and Civil Infrastructure Division, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI – TCI) advises the proponent of the following approval and permit requirements for the proposed development:</p> <p>The referral documents do not provide advice about how the subject areas will be accessed from Keep River Plains Road and/or Spirit Hills Access Road, the transport activity required to support the proposed agriculture activity, or the scale of the harvest transport task. DLI - TCI requests that a Traffic Impact Assessment and an Operational Traffic Management Plan be submitted to TCI for consideration prior to commencement of the development. The reports must detail the development’s traffic generation, trip distribution, access routes, vehicle types, traffic operation impact, the nature and timing of impacts, and recommended measures required to accommodate and/or mitigate the traffic impacts of the development, as well as other relevant matters.</p> <p>Access (temporary or permanent) onto Keep River Plains Road and/or Spirit Hills Access Road is subject to approval from TCI, DLI. Access shall meet current standards in accordance with the Austroads "Guide to Traffic Management", "Guide to Road Design", relevant Australian Standards, and be designed and constructed to accommodate the maximum-sized vehicle expected to utilise the access.</p> <p>Any proposed work within, or impacting upon the Keep River Plains Road and/or Spirit Hills Access Road road reserves shall be in accordance with the standards and specifications of the DLI. Design documents must be submitted to TCI for road agency approval, and no works are to commence prior to approval.</p>