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Mr Stephen Gatford
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Dear Mr Gatford,

Thank you for your invitation to review and to make a submission on the proposed changes to the Environmental Protection Authority Approvals Review - Draft report. The department is the referral agency for assessing public health impacts of works approvals under the *Environment Protection Act 1970* - sect 19B.

The department supports the proposed framework to improve the approval system. It is recognised that better integration between approving agencies will allow the department to better allocate resources to each approval, depending on risk and complexity.

We look forward to participating in the inter-agency working group to help further refine the framework and ensure public health is adequately considered in this process.

If there are any queries regarding this matter, please contact Gavin Scott of the Environmental Health Program on 9096 6158.

Yours sincerely

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