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Ms Jennifer Richardson
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Dear Ms Richardson,

Infrastructure and Education SEPP amendments

The Law Society appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE), which proposes reforms to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* and related amendments to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017*. The Law Society's Environmental Planning and Development Committee contributed to this submission.

We note that the definitions of "freight" and "rail heritage assets" are to be amended in the Infrastructure SEPP, but the EIE does not explain how (unlike other definition updates throughout the EIE).

For this, and other, reasons, we would appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft legislation itself, in addition to the EIE. Consultation on proposed legislation in its draft form allows for more nuanced and technical feedback to be provided on the likely anticipated, and unanticipated, impacts of the legislative changes.

The Law Society appreciates the opportunity to participate in the reform process. If you have any questions about this submission, please contact Liza Booth, Principal Policy Lawyer, at liza.booth@lawsociety.com.au or on (02) 9926 0202.

Yours sincerely,

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