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Dear Mr Gotsis

**Subject: Upgrade to North Sydney Public School (SSD-11869481)**

Thank you for your email received 7 September 2021 requesting comments on the above proposal. Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) provides the following comments in response.

***Biodiversity***

Ecological Australia has prepared a BDAR Waiver Supplementary Letter dated August 2021, setting out design amendments made since the BDAR waiver was granted by EES on 18 May 2021. The letter states that the revised design will not have any additional impacts to biodiversity values however further confirmation is required that the proposal is consistent with that assessed under the existing waiver.

The May 2021 BDAR waiver notes that if the proposed development is changed so that it is no longer as described in Schedule 1 of the determination, the applicant will need to lodge a new waiver request or prepare a BDAR.

Although it is acknowledged that the amended building footprint is generally consistent with that identified in the waiver it must be specifically confirmed that the proposal (in its entirety) remains as described in Schedule 1 of the waiver. It must also be confirmed that the 0.06ha of proposed clearing is consistent with trees identified for removal in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment prepared by Arboreport dated 25 August 2021.

***Flooding/Floodplain Risk Management***

There are no outstanding flooding or floodplain risk management matters to be addressed.

If you have any queries please contact Shaun Hunt, Senior Conservation Planning Officer via [shaun.hunt@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shaun.hunt@environment.nsw.gov.au) or 02 8275 1617.

Yours sincerely

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