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Our ref: 20SYD - 15303-

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Dear Anthony,

RE: NSW Environment, Energy and Science Comments: Horsley Drive Business Park Stage 2 – Modification 1 State Significant Development (SSD) 7664

As requested, Eco Logical Australia Pty Ltd (ELA) is responding to the NSW Environment Energy and Science (EES) comments made on Horsley Drive Business Park Stage 2 – Modification 1 (SSD 7664) Biodiversity Assessment Development Report (BDAR).

EES Comments:

Thank you for your email received on 9 April 2020, requesting input from Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on the State Significant Development Horsley Drive Business Park Stage 2 Modification 1.

EES has read the supporting documentation and notes that there is an inconsistency between the information in the modification application and the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR). Section 6.7 of the modification application states that, as outlined in the BDAR (App F), the proposal will now require 36 ecosystem credits not 39.

However, the BDAR, prepared by Eco logical dated 7 April 2020, states that 39 credits were required for SSD 7664, and given the modification will impact an additional 0.015 ha of PCT 835, one additional credit is required (see Table 25 and App C). EES requests clarification on this matter.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Bronwyn Smith, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 9873 8604 or bronwyn.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au

ELA response:

ELA's current BDAR has been prepared to support a modification to SSD 7664. The BDAR states that SSD 7664 was already approved with an impact to 1.09 hectares of native vegetation, and that the FBA assessment identified a requirement to retire 39 BioBanking ecosystem credits (30 for 0.76 ha PCT 850

and 9 for 0.33 ha of PCT 835). These BBAM credits are currently in the process of being purchased and retired.

The subject site for the current BDAR covers an additional area of 2.92 ha outside the previously approved SSD 7764 land, with the clearing of 0.015 ha of PCT 835 requiring one BAM ecosystem credit.

Section 6.7 of the Modification Application prepared by Ethos Urban states that 36 credits will be required. This is an error and needs to be updated accordingly. It needs to state that one BAM ecosystem credit (PCT 835) is required for the Stage 2 Modification, and reference should also be made to the previous SSD approval (SSD 7664) that requires 39 BBAM ecosystem credits (30 PCT 850 and 9 PCT 835) that need to be retired.

If you have any questions about any aspect of this letter, please contact me on 0418 722743.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Campbell', written over a thin horizontal line.

Diane Campbell
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