

Our ref: Pymble Ladies College - Grey House Precinct-Mod-2 (SSD-17424905-Mod-2)

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6 February 2025

Subject: Response to Submissions

Dear Mr Hastie

The exhibition of the modification application and modification report for the Pymble Ladies College - Grey House Precinct-Mod-2 (SSD-17424905-Mod-2) ended on 3 February 2025.

We have placed submissions received on the NSW Planning Portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/pymble-ladies-college-grey-house-precinct-modification-2-landscape-changes.

Ku-ring-gai Council (Council) has advised that they will provide comment on the modification application by 14 February 2025. Council's comment will be forwarded to you once received by the Department.

We require you to provide a written response to the comments provided by Council (when forwarded to you) and the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR) Group of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water (DCCEEW). With respect to comments received by CPHR, the Department requests the following:

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act)

Section 7.17 of the BC Act requires a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be submitted with an application to modify a State Significant Development application, unless the authority or person determining the application for modification is satisfied that the modification will not increase the impact on biodiversity values.

It is noted that the ecological report lodged with the modification application states that a BDAR is not required for the removal of 6 additional trees that were previously proposed to be retained. However, the modification report and accompanying ecological report have not addressed Section 7.17 of the BC Act to support these statements.

In order for the Department to assess whether a BDAR is not required, you must update the modification report and accompanying ecological report to address Section 7.17 of the BC Act. The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the *State Significant Development Guidelines including Appendix C - Preparing a Submissions Report*.

As stated above, we also require a response to the issues raised by Council their advice once forwarded to you. This response should be incorporated into the submissions report.

Please lodge your submissions report by 21 March 2025 via the NSW Planning Portal <https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Dimitri Gotsis, on 8217 2053 or via email at Dimitri.Gotsis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Navdeep Shergill".

Navdeep Shergill

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as delegate for the Planning Secretary