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Attention: Ms Emma Butcher

Dear Mr Silvio Falato

RE: Modification – Lakes Estate Residential Subdivision (MP 05_0129 MOD 3), Lot 10 DP1240161, North Boambee Valley, Coffs Harbour

Thank you for your e-mail dated 3 April 2020 about the variation to the proposed tree removal at the amended Stage 3A area of the Lakes Estate Residential Subdivision, seeking comments from the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Environment, Energy and Science Group in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

The BCD provided a response with recommendations to the Stage 3 modification in a letter dated 17 February 2020. We understand that the applicant has since amended the design of the public road to meet the NSW Rural Fire Service requirements, resulting in the retention of tree 37 (previously to be removed). The previous BCD recommendations dated 17 February 2020 have now been amended as set out below

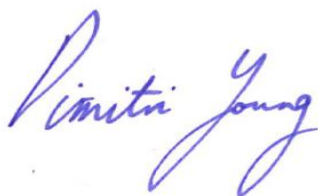
The BCD recommends that:

1. The recommendations set out in Section 10 of the Ecological Assessment (Biodiversity Australia, October 2019) must be included as conditions of consent (with the exclusion of Tree 37 from Table 12 of recommendation 10.5).
2. The following must be included as conditions of consent:
 - a. The four koala food trees (*Eucalyptus microcorys*) proposed to be removed must be replaced by compensatory planting at a ratio of 1:5 in accordance with the Coffs Harbour KPOM and Section E1.2 of the Coffs Harbour City Council Development Control Plan. This will require 20 *Eucalyptus microcorys* koala food trees to be planted.
 - b. The two *Acacia melanoxylon* trees proposed to be removed must be replaced by compensatory replacement planting at a ratio of 1:2 in accordance with Section E1.2 of the Coffs Harbour City Council Development Control Plan. This will require four *Acacia melanoxylon* trees to be planted.

- c. A Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) must be prepared to manage compensatory plantings associated with removal of the preferred koala food trees and native vegetation within Lot 10 DP1240161 as detailed in Section 10.5 of the Ecological Assessment prepared by Biodiversity Australia dated October 2019. The VMP must be prepared in accordance with the Coffs Harbour City Council Biodiversity Guideline 1a, *Preparing a Vegetation management Plan* and the Coffs Harbour City Council Koala Plan of Management. The VMP must be prepared to the satisfaction of the council and approved by the certifying authority prior to the issuing of the construction certificate.
- d. The proponent must apply to the Coffs Harbour City Council to have the hollow bearing tree (Tree No11) listed on the council's Significant Tree register. Evidence of the tree having been listed on the register must be provided to the certifying authority prior to the issuing of the construction certificate.

If you have any questions about this advice, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bill Larkin, Senior Conservation Planning Officer at bill.larkin@environment.nsw.gov.au or 6659 8216.

Yours sincerely



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