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Dear Mr Roppolo,

Subject: The New Sydney Fish Market – Stage 2 Main Works MOD 1 SSD 8925

Thank you for your e-mail received 10 May 2021, requesting input from Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on the New Sydney Fish Market – Stage 2 Main Works. The modification application seeks to amend the design of the development which have resulted from the detailed design process and refinement of user requirements since development consent was granted.

EES have reviewed the Modification Report and relevant documents and make the following comments.

Biodiversity

Under section 7.17 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act), applications for the modification of major projects must be accompanied by a biodiversity development assessment report unless the consent authority is satisfied that the modification will not increase the impact on biodiversity values.

To assist DPIE, EES considers that changes proposed in the modification application are not likely to result in greater impacts than the approved development, however EES makes the following comments in relation to marine ecology.

EES has reviewed the documents pertaining to the modified sediment redistribution works, Blackwattle Bay, and advise that:

- reprofiling is required to maintain function of existing stormwater infrastructure;
- redistribution and reprofiling of 12,500 cubic metres of sediment from beneath the former Hanson Concrete Batching Plant will not have a significant impact on existing habitat or biota because the site is so depauperate, there is little to impact
- ecological impacts remain the same regarding lost habitat opportunities because of increased hard substrate
- methods to minimise escape of sediment plume appear adequate and given the location and quality of surrounding sediment within Blackwattle Bay, should the plume partially escape the proposed sediment curtains, it would not travel far and would not significantly impact the ecological function or the amenity value of the Bay.

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

Yours sincerely

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