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Your Ref: SSI-6090-MOD2

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Dear Hugh

Request to waive requirement for BDAR under s.7.9(2) of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 – Hexham Train Facility Mod 2 - Depot Relocation and Wagon Stowage (SSI-6090-Mod-2)

I refer to the request from Aurizon (via Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Limited) to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) under the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology (BAM 2020) to be submitted with the proposed State Significant Infrastructure (SSI-6090) modification application (MOD 2) for the relocation of the depot and construction of long-term wagon storage associated with the Hexham Long Term Train Support Facility approved project located off Anderson Drive, Hexham, NSW (Lot 104 in DP1189565).

The Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) has reviewed the information provided by Planning and Assessment on 20 May 2022, which includes a BDAR waiver report dated 21 September 2021 and determined that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values. The application, therefore, does not need to be accompanied by a BDAR. The determination is provided as Attachment A.

Please note 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.

Also attached for your information is the decision report (see Attachment B). The decision report should not be provided to the applicant without BCD approval.

Please contact Steven Crick, Senior Team Leader Planning, on 4927 3248 or via email at huntercentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au, should you have any further queries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joe Thompson'.

JOE THOMPSON
Director Hunter Central Coast Branch
Biodiversity and Conservation Division

Enclosure: Attachments A and B

Date: 10/6/22