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Subject: Request for Advice - Minarah College (SSD-30759158)

Dear Nahid Mahmud

Thank you for your email received 22 June 2022 seeking comments on the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the above project. Environment and Heritage Group (EHG) has reviewed the EIS for this project and provides the following comments.

EHG notes the site is located within the suburb of Catherine Field in the South West Growth Centre and is biodiversity certified under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*.

Biodiversity certification of the land under the repealed *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* is preserved by clause 43 of the *Biodiversity Conservation (Savings and Transitional) Regulation 2017*. An assessment of the likely impact on biodiversity of development on biodiversity certified land is not required under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

The Upper South Creek Flood Study has recently been reviewed by Camden Council to address the development of the catchment and will be on public exhibition from 20 July 2022. The revised flood study, which incorporates up-to-date topography for the catchment, indicates that the school site is not impacted by mainstream or overland flooding.

However, in extreme flood events the access roads to the site are subject to high hazard flooding. Accordingly, EHG recommends that a specific emergency response plan is prepared to ensure the safety of students, teachers, parents, carers and other members of the school community during extreme events.

If you have any queries please contact David Way, Senior Conservation Officer via David.Way@planning.nsw.gov.au or 02 8275 1324.

Yours sincerely,



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