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Dear Kristina,

Request for advice – Dalswinton Sand and Gravel Quarry – Muswellbrook LGA

I refer to your Major Projects Portal request on 2 August 2022 in which the Planning and Assessment Division (P&A) of the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) requested Biodiversity and Conservation Division's (BCD) advice in relation to the Response to Submissions (RTS) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Dalswinton Sand and Gravel Quarry, located at 511 Dalswinton Road, Dalswinton (Lot 72 DP 1199484).

BCD has reviewed the RTS along with the revised EIS, including relevant appendices, in relation to the impacts on biodiversity and flood risk assessment. BCD has no further comment in relation to flooding issues.

BCD's recommendations are provided in **Attachment A**. If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Jayme Lennon, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, on 9585 6935 or via email at huntercentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Crick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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16 August 2022

Enclosure: Attachment A

BCD's recommendations

Dalswinton Sand and Gravel Quarry

1. An ecologist should be present onsite to supervise the removal of the culvert.

The results of the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report indicate that the southern myotis (*Myotis macropus*) was detected onsite and has the potential to roost in the culvert at the north end of the storage dam. This species is classified as Vulnerable under Schedule 1 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

Impacts to any individuals potentially roosting in the culvert should be minimised by having a suitably qualified ecologist conduct a pre-clearance survey and being present on to observe the removal of the culvert.

Recommendation 1

Impacts to any southern myotis (*Myotis macropus*) individuals roosting in the culvert should be minimised through the completion of a pre-clearance survey by a suitably qualified ecologist and if the species is found to be present develop a mitigation plan in consultation with BCD prior to removal of the culvert.