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Dear Mr Stringer

**Request for Advice on EIS - Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment (SSD-35999468)
(Shoalhaven City)**

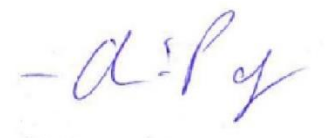
We refer to your request for Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) input regarding the proposed Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment, in particular, the addition of the new Acute Services Building, proposed to be located to the south of the existing hospital within areas presently predominantly occupied by the Shoalhaven Community Pre-School and part of the former Nowra Park.

BCD have reviewed the EIS and the relevant attachments (ie the BDAR and the Stormwater and Flooding report) and provide the following information for your consideration:

- The BDAR has considered the relevant biodiversity considerations for the site, noting the hollow bearing trees and the identified large Blackbutt tree will be retained. Any removal of other native species will be replaced with other local native vegetation.
- The flooding issues have been considered as per our previous advice provided for the SEARs (Feb 2022) regarding the PMF extents, and that designs consider overland flow through the site and ensure access is possible to the highway via southern and eastern routes.

If you would like to discuss the contents of this letter in more detail, please contact Tania Ashworth, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, on 02 6229 7921 or via email at tania.ashworth@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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