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Subject: EHG Comments on the Environmental Impact Statement for the Sydney Olympic Park Metro Station - Over and Adjacent Station Development Concept (SSD-35283699)

Dear Ms Bizimis

Thank you for your e-mail received on 11 November 2022 requesting advice from the Environment and Heritage Group (EHG) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above project, 5-7 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park. EHG has reviewed the EIS and associated documents and provides the following comments.

Biodiversity

On 11 February 2022 EHG received a request from the DPE Planning Group to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be submitted with this State Significant Development Application.

On 22 February 2022, EHG issued its determination to the DPE Planning Group that the proposed development is not likely to have a significant impact on biodiversity values and that the application does not need to be accompanied by a BDAR.

In issuing this BDAR Waiver Request EHG advised that it supports the Sydney Olympic Park Authority's recommendation that stormwater runoff (at all stages) be diverted from the Northern Water Feature so that Green and Golden Bell Frog Habitat is not impacted. This Concept Application and future SSD's should advise how this recommendation will be complied with.

Flooding

EHG has reviewed the Section 6.13 and the Flooding Assessment at Appendix Y of the EIS and provide the following comments.

The modelling shows flooding in a PMF event in Figtree Drive at the east of the site, at the intersection with Precinct Street A. The modelling indicates depths of 0.1-0.2m and 0.2-0.3m, which would limit access to and evacuation from Precinct Street A. EHG recommends that the main driveway entry be in Figtree Drive, to the west of this flooding to enable access in all flood events.

EHG further recommends consultation with the SES regarding emergency management. If Precinct Street A is used as the main vehicular access, Buildings 2 and 3 will not have flood free access in all flood events, contrary to the reporting.

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If you have any queries please contact Angela Taylor, Senior Conservation Planning Officer via angela.taylor@environment.nsw.gov.au or 02 9585 6146.

Yours sincerely

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