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Dear Ms Weerasinghe,

Subject: Notice of Exhibition – Taronga Zoo – Upper Australia Precinct

Thank you for your e-mail dated 30 July 2020, inviting Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to comment on the Notice of Exhibition for Taronga Zoo – Upper Australia Precinct.

EES has reviewed the relevant documentation and make the following comments.

Biodiversity

The description of the development contained within the biodiversity development assessment report (BDAR) is insufficient and a more detailed description should be provided.

The (BDAR) states that “*according to Appendix 2 of the BAM, no surveys are required unless the species are Serious and Irreversible Impact (SAIL) spp.*” However it is noted that the draft BAM dated 2019 Appendix 2 states that “*the BDAR needs to identify the suite of species likely to use the site, based on habitat characteristics and using Steps 1 and 2 in section 6.4 of the BAM, and then from this, state which ones have a very high sensitivity to gain*”.

It is noted that the following threatened species have been recorded at the Zoo: Swift Parrot, Little Lorikeet, Squirrel Glider, Grey-headed Flying-fox, Southern Myotis, Little Bent-wing Bat. Given the draft BAM, surveys should be undertaken on habitat characteristics to identify which species have a high sensitivity to gain.

EES notes the date of report on page 2 is different to the date on page 1, and further on page 2 of the report, the report is referred to as a “draft” report. The report should be amended to reflect the correct date and version of the report.

Flooding

EES makes no further flooding comments.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Bronwyn Smith Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 9873 8604 or Bronwyn.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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