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By email: Ellen.Luu@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ellen,

Subject: Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre (SSD-71547218) - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Thank you for your Major Projects Portal request dated 10 November seeking advice from the Conservation Programs, Heritage & Regulation Group (CPHR) of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre (SSD-71547218).

CPHR has reviewed the exhibited EIS against the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) provided by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to the proponent on 28 June 2024. CPHR considers that the EIS meets the Secretary's requirements for biodiversity.

A Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) waiver request for SSD-71547218 was granted by CPHR on 22 August 2024 (DOC24/638959-2) because it was determined that the proposed development is unlikely to have any significant impact to biodiversity values. CPHR has no further comments on biodiversity.

CPHR has reviewed the exhibited EIS against the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) provided by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to the proponent on 28 June 2024. CPHR considers that the EIS meets the Secretary's requirements for flooding. Minor inconsistencies (as noted in **Attachment 1**) are expected to be rectified using appropriate mitigation and management measures during the detailed design, construction, and operational phases of the project. On this basis, the proposal is considered acceptable and suitable for approval.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact the Hunter Central Coast Planning Team at huntercentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Joe Thompson
**Director Hunter Central Coast
Conservation Programs, Heritage & Regulation Group (CPHR)**

22 December 2025

Enclosure: Attachment 1

Attachment 1 - CPHR Comments

Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre (SSD-71547218) - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

In preparing this advice CPHR has reviewed the following documents:

- Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), EMM, October 2025
- Appendix I.2 Water assessment (WA), EMM, October 2025

Key Assessment Issues

Flooding

1.	<i>Consistency with DPHI Planning Circular PS 24-001</i>	<p>In accordance with DPHI Planning Circular PS 24-001, matters to be considered when determining the flood risk profile include an assessment of whether the development may result in adverse flooding impacts on surrounding properties.</p> <p>Flood modelling indicates that the proposed conditions scenario does not result in adverse flooding impacts to off-site properties for events up to and including the 0.5% AEP event. Under more extreme flood conditions, namely the 0.2% AEP and Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) events, only localised changes in flood behaviour are predicted at off-site locations. These changes are of very minor magnitude, occur only during extreme flood events, and do not result in material adverse outcomes for neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Recommended action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate mitigation and management measures, as identified by the proponent (Table ES1 Summary of mitigation and management measures, WA), are to be conditioned and implemented during the detailed design, construction, and operational phases to ensure residual flood risk is appropriately managed.
	<i>Extent and Timing</i>	Determination