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Dear Mr Eley-Smith

Eurobodalla Southern Storage SSD 7089 – Roadworks Construction Environmental Management Plan and Construction Flora and Fauna Management Plan

I refer to your request for information dated 19 November 2021 and its attached correspondence from Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) relating to the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Construction Flora and Fauna Management Plan (CFFMP) for the access road and pipeline submitted under the conditions of approval for the Eurobodalla Southern Water Storage Project.

Further to subsequent conversations with State Significant Acceleration (SSA) and BCD staff, please find attached a revised CEMP and CFFMP with amendments as summarised below:

- Protection of Hollow Bearing Tree (HBT 1) clarified in CFFMP, with an additional no-go zone specified around this tree.
- Inclusion of proposed no-go zones in Figure 1-1 of the CEMP.
- Justification of need to undertake works prior to February-March in CFFMP, and expansion of proposed mitigation measures for clearing the identified wet sclerophyll forest, based on actual current site conditions and nesting and breeding habits of identified threatened species.

In relation to other comments provided by BCD in its correspondence with State Significant Acceleration (SSA), please be advised that Council's position is as follows:

- There is no specific requirement in Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for clearing within 10 metres of clearing boundaries be undertaken using chainsaws. This was in recognition of the potential WHS issues that can arise from this methodology. The CFFMP clearly states that trees are to be felled into the clearing boundary to minimise damage to retained vegetation, which meets the intent of the EIS. The specific methodology including equipment to be used for doing so will be based on site specific risk assessments undertaken by the clearing contractor.
- No hollow bearing trees are being removed in this stage of the works, so there is no requirement to stipulate a two staged hollow bearing tree removal process.

I thank you and staff from SSA and BCD for your time over recent weeks in discussing these issues, and trust that the revised CEMP and CFFMP meet all requirements.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any further information to assist in your review.

Yours sincerely



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cc Mr Mark Wisely – Senior Planning Officer – Water Assessments