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Dear Mr Piovesan

**Subject: Matters of National Environmental Significance - Eastern Creek Retail Outlet Centre, Rooty Hill Road South, Eastern Creek (SSD 10457)**

Thank you for your email received on 11 November 2021, requesting comment on Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) for SSD 10457.

Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) has reviewed the information provided and considers the significance assessments in the biodiversity development assessment report (Ecological, 4 August 2021) (BDAR) are inadequate for the following EPBC Act-listed species and communities:

- *Cumberland Plain Shale Woodlands and Shale-Gravel Transition Forest CEEC* (CPW) – present on site. Appendix E of the BDAR is an assessment of significance for CPW under the EPBC Act, but this is a 2012 report for a different proposal on site.
- *Pteropus poliocephalus* (Grey-headed Flying-fox) – the BDAR states that this species is likely to forage over the site. Table 25 of the BDAR states that an impact assessment is required for the Grey-headed Flying-fox, however Appendix E does not include an assessment of significance for the Grey-headed Flying-fox.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Dana Alderson, Senior Project Officer Planning on 8837 6304 or [Dana.Alderson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Dana.Alderson@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Harrison'.

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