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Subject: Request for Advice: Response to Submissions for Nepean Hospital Redevelopment Project - Stage 2 (SSD-16928008)

Dear Mr Stanton

Thank you for your email received 10 June 2022 seeking comments on the response to submissions (RtS) for the above project. Environment and Heritage Group (EHG) has reviewed the RtS for this project and provides the following comments.

EHG has reviewed the *Stage 2 Redevelopment of Nepean Hospital Biodiversity Development Assessment Report* by Total Earth Care (Final V1 dated 14 April 2022). The majority of EHG's previous comments have been adequately amended or justified within the updated BDAR.

However, Table 4-1 (candidate ecosystem credits species) and Table 4-2 (candidate species credit species) do not include the results of background searches, namely BioNet Atlas searches. From a 5km BioNet Atlas search the following species were absent from the Predicted Ecosystem Credit Species and Species Credit Species for assessment and need to be included in table 4-1 and 4-2.

- Freckled Duck (*Stictonetta naevosa*)
- Black-necked Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*)
- Australasian Bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*)
- Little Eagle (*Hieraaetus morphnoides*)
- Square-tailed Kite (*Lophoictinia isura*)
- Bush Stone-curlew (*Burhinus grallarius*)
- Glossy Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*)
- Powerful Owl (*Ninox strenua*)
- Varied Sittella (*Daphoenositta chrysoptera*)
- Greater Broad-nosed Bat (*Scoteanax rueppellii*)
- *Pultenaea parviflora*
- *Persoonia nutans*

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EHG has reviewed the revised information regarding the potential for flood impacts, flood management and mitigation and considers that the RtS has adequately addressed the aspects raised in previous advice.

If you have any queries please contact David Way, Senior Conservation Officer via David.Way@planning.nsw.gov.au or 02 8275 1324.

Yours sincerely,

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

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