

Our ref: Catherine McAuley Catholic College-Mod-5 (SSD-8989-Mod-5)

Mrs Emma Mason
Principal Town Planner
Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
7 Canberra Street
Charlestown NSW 2290

4 June

Subject: Request for Additional Information

Dear Mrs Mason

I refer to Assessment for the Catherine McAuley Catholic College-Mod-5 (SSD-8989-Mod-5). The modification application was referred to Port Stephens Council (Council) and the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR) Group of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for comment.

CPHR has provided comment on the modification application. Council have advised that they will provide comment on the modification application shortly. Council's comment will be forwarded to you once received by the Department.

We require you to provide a written response to the comments provided by CPHR and Council (when forwarded to you). We have placed CPHR received comment on the NSW Planning Portal at: www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/catherine-mcauley-catholic-college-modification-5.

With respect to comments received by CPHR, the Department requests the following:

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act)

The Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) lodged with the modification application does not account for the impacts of removing Tree 36, has not included Tree 36 in Figure 14 of the BDAR, and provides a vegetation ranking which does not account for the presence of the Grey-headed Flying-fox which was observed during field investigations and reported in the BDAR.

The Department requires an updated BDAR to:

- address area of impact (ha) and credit obligations for PCT 3544.
- include Tree 36 in Figure 14 of the BDAR as a mapped area requiring offsets.
- address ecosystem credits for Grey-headed Flying-fox.

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As stated above, we also require a response to the issues raised by Council their advice once forwarded to you.

You are requested to provide the information or notification that the information will not be provided, to the department by Tue 01 July 2025. If you cannot meet this deadline or do not intend to provide the additional information, please advise the department via the NSW planning portal.

If you have any questions, please contact Dimitri Gotsis on 8217 2053 or via email at Dimitri.Gotsis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madeline Thomas".

Madeline Thomas

Team Leader

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