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SSD10260

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Dear Mr Gotsis,

Request for Biodiversity Development Assessment Report Waiver for SSD10260 – International Chinese School, No. 211 Pacific Highway, St Leonards

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has reviewed the request from Eco Logical Australia dated 27 May 2019 to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be submitted with the above State Significant Development (SSD) Application SSD10260.

Under the section 7.9(2) of the *Biodiversity Conservation (BC) Act 2016*:

'Any such application [SSD] is to be accompanied by a biodiversity development assessment report unless the Planning Agency Head and the Environment Agency Head determine that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values'

The power to determine whether an SSD is *'not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values'*, has been delegated to the OEH Senior Executive on 4 December 2017.

I have reviewed the application of the test of significance under Section 7.3 of the BC Act, that was prepared by Eco Logical Australia dated 27 May 2019, and agree that there is no need for the SSD application to submit a BDAR as part of the application. Therefore, a waiver under s7.9 is granted for the International Chinese School Development SSD10260 project.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Bronwyn Smith, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, on 9873 8604 or at Bronwyn.Smith@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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