



ESS Letter to DPIE: 15 March 2022 Comments	Create NSW Response
1. There appears to be no relationship between the Museum site and WSU or Taronga Zoo.	WSU and Powerhouse are engaged in an ongoing and longstanding strategic partnership, in order to secure success for students and communities in Greater Western Sydney through leading science and technology, exhibitions, research and discovery. This includes joint research projects, industry placements and postgraduate exchange programs, programming collaborations, and a scholar in residence program.
2. It is unclear if all the sites are to be located at the Western Sydney University Richmond Campus.	The proposed tree plantings to serve the Taronga Conservation Society Australia koala browse program are to be all planted at the Western Sydney University Richmond campus. The other plantings within the Hills Shire LGA will be at one or both of the sites listed in the TRIP.
3. It is unclear what is meant by “multiple council boundaries”. Clarification is required on this.	The two councils referred to are the Hills Shire LGA and the Hawkesbury LGA.
4. The TRS previously identified six potential natural areas as planting locations within the LGA but none of these sites have been selected for replanting in the revised TRIP.	The two possible sites nominated in the Hills LGA were part of the original six that were identified.
5. The TRS also noted the benefits of planting trees at locations within the Caddies Creek Corridor and the Cattai Creek Corridor as it will contribute to achieving the outcomes specified for the Green Grids West Central District (section 7.3) but the revised TRIP makes no mention of this.	Upon further investigation this location proved to be problematic as there are multiple landowners along Caddies Creek, and it would be too complex and lengthy an exercise to negotiate approvals from all of the landowners.
6. EES questions the suitability of the site if it is prone to flooding.	The proposed planting site at WSU Richmond campus has been used by Taronga for koala browse plantings for many years with only minor impact to plantings as a result of rain events. The site remains a critical resource for the zoo’s koala population and is actively managed by the zoo.

7. Furthermore, the replacement planting from the Museum site should be in addition to any existing requirements at WSU. If the existing tree planting at WSU was established through grant funding or other conservation initiatives or requirements, then WSU should replace any trees lost.	The planting proposed is in addition to any existing requirements at WSU.
8. If the tree planting from the Museum is used to replace the trees supplied from a previous initiative, this will result in a net loss of trees.	Confirming that this tree planting is not to replace any previous trees lost, and is over and above the existing trees that are planted on the WSU site.
9. Appendix A of the TRS includes species from these communities but no details are provided in the revised TRIP on the vegetation communities that occur or once occurred at the two nominated council reserves (Centenary of ANZAC Reserve and Arnold Avenue Reserve) and if the above listed species are appropriate for planting at these sites. Further details are required on this.	In consultation with the Council's Parks Assets Officer, the council's landscape architect has chosen endemic replacement tree species that are suited to the particular locations chosen, and also provide fodder for the Glossy Black Cockatoo, that is found in the Local Government Area.
10. EES recommends a longer maintenance period than one month to assist with the survival of the plantings. It is suggested the plant maintenance regime incorporates regular maintenance as required including watering for a minimum of 12 months following planting.	The maintenance of the trees after one month will be undertaken by Council, as part of their regular maintenance program.
11. If there are any plant losses during the maintenance period, the proponent should undertake maintenance replanting to replace plants by the same species. Any maintenance replanting should not decrease species diversity and must still be from the community being emulated and consist of local provenance native plants.	Noted.