

Mr Michael de Silva
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3 August 2022

Subject: Gazcorp Industrial Estate (SSD-5248) Biodiversity Staging Plan

Dear Mr de Silva

I refer to your submission dated 7 July 2022, requesting approval of a biodiversity staging and offset strategy for the Gazcorp Industrial Estate in accordance with Conditions C74 – C76 in Schedule 2 of the SSD-5248 development consent.

The Department has carefully reviewed your request and supplementary evidence of consultation with the Environment and Heritage Group of the Department (E&H Group). The Department is satisfied that the staging plan required under Condition C74 is no longer required as all approved site clearing will be undertaken as part of Stage 1, in accordance with the works approved under SSD-5248-MOD-1.

The Department notes your request to implement an alternate offset strategy in accordance with Condition C76 in order to satisfy the retirement of biodiversity and species credits required under Conditions C74 and C75. The Department is satisfied with the information provided and the proposal to make a payment into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund (BCF) in accordance with the Statement of Reasonable Equivalence provided by the E&H Group, in lieu of the retirement of credits. As such, the proposed offset strategy is approved as an alternative to meet the credit obligations of Conditions C74 and C75.

Evidence of full payment into the BCF, including a section 6.33 certificate, must be provided to the Department to satisfy Conditions C74 and C75 and prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Bruce Zhang, Industry Assessments, on 02 9274 6137 or at bruce.zhang@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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David Schwebel
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as nominee of the Planning Secretary