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Dear Daniel

AGNSW Sydney Modern Project - Addendum to Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessment (WSP, Rev D, dated November 2017 for SSD 6471 Modification for Landscape Changes

This letter provides an addendum update to the Biodiversity Assessment Report (WSP, Rev D, dated November 2017) based on changes to the approved landscape documentation under SSD-6471 for the Sydney Modern Project.

In preparing this letter, the following documents have been reviewed:

- landscape masterplan for the SSD 6471 modification. (LD_DA_00-02-rev Y)
- current approved tree plan (LD_DA_30-05-Trees proposed rev U)
- revised tree plan for modification submission (LD_DA_30-05-Trees proposed rev Y)

The proposed modifications enhance the approved landscape design with the following key elements:

- Addition of reflection pools either side to the front entry of the existing Gallery building;
- Reuse and reinterpretation of heritage walls in front of the existing Gallery to their original alignment;
- Enhanced pedestrian entry into the Domain from Art Gallery Road;
- Changes to the Entry Plaza, including to tree layout and addition of 'rain catcher' to roof canopy;
- Land bridge incorporates elevated grassed area within the circular path system, surrounded by an ephemeral water feature and with future Art Garden on elevated berm;
- Existing paved area on the land bridge adjoining existing Gallery is proposed as a terrace area with trellis structure and planting over, accessed from the existing Gallery;
- Security measures to Art Gallery Road frontage;
- Minor changes to planting areas, plant palette, tree numbers, path systems, retaining walls/seating, lighting, and landscape materials and finishes.

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The revised landscape masterplan and corresponding revised tree plan includes changes to tree planting across the site. The changes to tree planting will ensure the number of plantings will exceed 273 (the minimum number required by Condition E19). The landscape masterplan modifications will not result in the need for any additional existing trees to be removed.

Given the proposed modification will not result in any additional or increased impact on the current approved footprint in terms of biodiversity, it is deemed reasonable that the application is subject to section 7.17(2)(c) of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and as such no further biodiversity impact assessment is required.

Yours sincerely

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