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Sent: Tuesday, 4 August 2015 6:01 PM
To: Ben Eveleigh
Subject: Re: Exhibition of State Significant Development Application - Sumatran Tiger Adventure, Taronga Zoo (SSD 6864)

Dear Ben,

Thank you for your invitation to comment on Taronga Zoo's development application in relation to their proposed Sumatran Tiger Adventure.

Section 19 of the Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986 states "a licensee shall not cause or permit a licensed animal display establishment to be altered or extended unless:

- (a) approval of the Secretary is first obtained for the alteration or extension, and
- (b) the animal display establishment is altered or extended in accordance with that approval.

As a licensee Taronga Zoo is required to comply with this requirement. Taronga Zoo staff have contacted the Department of Primary Industries with respect to this proposal and Animal Welfare Unit staff have been shown the area to be altered.

The Zoo staff have indicated that the Zoo will apply for the necessary approval from the Secretary, presumably once it receives development approval.

The application will be assessed for compliance with relevant prescribed standards, primarily:

The General Standards for Exhibiting Animals in New South Wales; and
The Standards for Exhibiting Carnivores in New South Wales.

These standards address animal welfare, public safety and educational value of such proposals.

It may therefore be appropriate to add an approval condition requiring the proponent to obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development under Section 19 of the Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986 before commencing any alteration to its licensed animal display establishment that is related to the project.

Regards,

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