

Our Ref. DOC16/365205-1
Your Ref. SSD 7016

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Dear Leanne

RE: Borg Panels Timber Processing Facility Expansion (SSD 7016)

Thank you for your invitation for the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to comment on the proposed expansion to Borg panels timber processing facility.

OEH understands that Borg Construction seeks to:

- modernise the existing facility;
- allow for expansion for a chip processing facility;
- expand the plant to include an emergency retention basin, first flush basin and hardstand for vehicles; and
- construct an overflow carpark and to maintain access around the site after construction of an automated warehouse.

OEH has assessed the Biodiversity Assessment Report (BAR) and notes that 1.1 hectares of native vegetation is to be removed by the proposed development. This vegetation is identified in the BAR as native grassland most likely to have been derived from Apple Box – Yellow Box Grassy Woodland of the SE Highlands Bioregion (CW 105), classified as an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) in the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. As the site score is less than 17, the vegetation is regarded as in low condition. A site score of less than 17 also means that no further assessment of this native vegetation is required and there are no offset requirements for this development under the FBA.

OEH notes that the landscape value in the BioBanking credit calculator has been incorrectly calculated, however as the site score is below 17 this is of no consequence.

OEH notes that four Aboriginal sites have been recorded for the development site and that a Consent to Destroy (with collection) was issued to AMCOR Pty Ltd for these sites in 1987. OEH recognises that Due Diligence has been undertaken for this project and, in relation to these four sites, no further action is required.

Please note that if subsequent information indicates that any areas within the OEH's responsibility require further investigation, OEH may provide future input.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact David Geering, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5335 or david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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