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Dear Mr Byrne

Response to Submissions - Proposed Bourke Goat Abattoir

I refer to your email dated 28 June 2016 requesting comments on the Response to Submissions (RTS) for the above proposal from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

We have reviewed the RTS against our submission provided to you on 27 April 2016. We are satisfied that the proponent has addressed all our concerns. The proponent has committed to developing a Biodiversity Offset Strategy and securing an offset under a BioBanking agreement within 12 months of approval. The proponent also committed to avoiding the *gurri* tree identified near the proposed access road. We recommend that you include the following consent conditions for the project:

1. The minimum offset to be provided is the retirement of 2,068 ecosystem credits for the clearing of 55.3 hectares of native vegetation as calculated in the biodiversity credit report (EIS, Appendix I).
2. The offset be secured under a BioBanking agreement within 12 months of development approval.
3. The offset must be developed in accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Offset Policy for Major Projects.
4. That the *gurri* trees on the property must be protected from the proposed development construction and activities associated with the development.

The proponent has stated that detail on the long term management of Aboriginal artefacts and whether a Care Agreement will be lodged will be provided in the Heritage Management Plan. OEH recommends that the proponent apply for a Care Agreement prior to the commencement of on-ground works.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact Michelle Howarth, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5339.

Yours sincerely



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