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Subject: Response to Submissions – Fairfield Showground Community and Events Centre (SSD-73365208) (Fairfield City)

Dear Cameron,

Thank you for your referral received 13 February 2026, requesting advice from the Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation (CPHR) Group of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water on the above project.

CPHR has reviewed the *Submissions Report* (DFP Planning, 10 February 2026) and accompanying technical reports and provides its biodiversity comments and recommendations at Attachment A. In summary, CPHR:

- supports the applicant's removal of previous mitigation measure to translocate Downy Wattle (*Acacia pubescens*)
- repeats its support of all other biodiversity mitigation measures
- recommends that, if approved, the conditions of consent include the offset requirements outlined in Section 10 of the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report.

The Submissions Report and *Amended Flood Impact Risk Assessment* (WMA Water, December 2025) have satisfactorily addressed CPHR's earlier flood-related comments.

CPHR should not be assigned any a role in any conditions of consent without prior agreement. Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Angela Stewart, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, at angela.stewart@dcceew.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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CPHR comments on the Response to Submissions – Fairfield Showground Community and Events Centre (SSD-73365208)

Documents Reviewed

CPHR has reviewed the following reports:

- Submissions Report (DFP Planning, 10 February 2026)
- Attachment A Submissions Register (DFP Planning, February 2026)
- Attachment B Amended Mitigation Measures (DFP Planning, February 2026)
- Attachment C Amended Appendix C – Statutory Compliance Table (DFP Planning, February 2026)
- Attachment D Amended Appendix Q – Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (Narla Environmental, 6 February 2026) (Amended BDAR)
- Attachment E Amended Appendix W - Flood Impact Risk Assessment (WMA Water, December 2025)
- Attachment F Fairfield Showground Flood Emergency Response Plan (WMA Water, May 2019)
- Fairfield Showground Flood Impact Assessment (WMA Water, 6 April 2018)
- Parks Overland Flood Study Draft Final Report (Fairfield City Council, 31 May 2022).

Key Assessment Issues

Biodiversity

CPHR's previous comments regarding the removal of the proposed mitigation measure to translocate of Downy Wattle (*Acacia pubescens*) and the provision of spatial data have been adequately addressed. The current proposed mitigation measures and offset requirements from the Amended BDAR should be incorporated into the consent conditions, as outlined below.

1.	<i>Mitigation measures</i>	CPHR supports all recommended mitigation measures in Section 6 of the Amended BDAR. Recommended action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions of consent include the recommended mitigation measures in the Amended BDAR.
	<i>Extent and Timing</i>	Determination
2.	<i>Biodiversity Offset Credit Requirements</i>	The conditions of consent should include the biodiversity offset requirements in Section 10 of the Amended BDAR. Recommended action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conditions of consent include the biodiversity credit offset requirements from the Amended BDAR.
	<i>Extent and Timing</i>	Determination

End of Submission