

Our ref: 16-20 Old Castle Hill Road- main works (SSD-85238209)

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**Subject:** Request to waive the requirement for a biodiversity development assessment report (BDAR) under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BCA) for the residential development with 15% affordable housing at 16-20 Old Castle Hill Road, Castle Hill (SSD-85238209).

Dear Ella,

I refer to your correspondence dated 18 September 2025, regarding the request to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be submitted as part of the above referenced State significant development (SSD) application.

Under section 7.9(2) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BCA):

*“Any such application is to be accompanied by a biodiversity development assessment report unless the Planning Agency Head and the Environment Agency Head determine that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values.”*

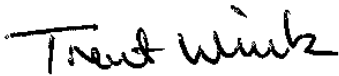
This letter is to confirm that the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has determined that the proposed development as described above is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values and that a BDAR is therefore not required to accompany any application for development consent or infrastructure approval for the proposed development.

I, as Delegate of the Planning Secretary within the Development Assessment and Infrastructure Division have determined that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impacts on biodiversity values. Evidence that the Delegate of the Secretary within the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has made the determination is attached (dated 3 February 2026).

If there are any amendments to the proposed development, a fresh request for a BDAR waiver determination will be required or a BDAR may need to be prepared.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Ethan Whiteman on (02) 4904 2725 or via email to [ethan.whiteman@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ethan.whiteman@dpie.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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As delegate for the Planning Secretary

Encl: CPHR of NSW DCCEEW determination