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SSD 8687

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Attention: Ellen Mannix

Exhibition of SSD 8687 – Refurbishment of Harbour Rocks Hotel and variation to Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority Scheme, 34-52 Harrington Street, The Rocks

Dear Ms Mannix,

I refer to your letter dated 20 January 2018 inviting comment from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the proposed refurbishment of Harbour Rocks Hotel SSD.

OEH previous advice dated 15 February 2018, stated that under section 7.9 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (the BC Act), applications for State significant development must be accompanied by a biodiversity development assessment report (BDAR) or a request for waiver.

A Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared by Ecoplaning dated 28 February 2018, has been submitted which concluded that no threatened species are likely to be impacted by the proposed refurbishment. OEH agrees with this finding and has determined that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values, as defined under the BC Act (section 1.5) and the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017 (section 1.4).

In relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage, OEH has decided not to provide comments now. This does not constitute OEH support for the proposal and this matter may still need to be considered by the consent authority.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Svetlana Kotevska on 8837 6040 or at Svetlana.kotevska@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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