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SSD-8922

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Dear Mr Hay

Upgrade of Stevenson Library Building, Scots College – 29-53 Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill (SSD-8922) – request for determination under Section 7.9(2) of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Thank you for emails dated 25 July and 14 August 2018. The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has reviewed the initial and revised Biodiversity Assessment waiver request report from Lesryk Environmental Pty Ltd (dated 20 July 2018 and 14 August 2018) on behalf of the proponent (Scots College) to not require a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be submitted with the above State Significant Development (SSD) application.

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

“Any such application [SSD] 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.”

The power to determine whether an SSD is “*not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values*” was delegated to the OEH Senior Executive on 4 December 2017.

I have reviewed the information prepared by Lesryk Environmental Pty Ltd submitted in support of the waiver request and the Request for Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) (dated November 2017) in relation to this SSD.

I note the works proposed relate to the upgrading of the Stevenson Library Building and the Lesryk Environmental Biodiversity consideration (16 May 2018) indicates the proposed works are expected to be confined to the existing library and those areas immediately adjacent to it. It is also noted the waiver request states no native vegetation was present within, or close to the limits of the scope of works.

After reviewing all the information, I have determined that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values and that there is no need for the SSD application to include a BDAR.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Janne Grose on 8837 6017 or by email at janne.grose@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Graham', written in a cursive style.

28/08/2018

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