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Dear Ellen

RE: Mixed-use development – 35 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle (SSD 8999)

I refer to your e-mail dated 20 February 2019 in which the Department of Planning and Environment invited the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to review and provide comment on the updated Response to Submissions and associated documentation for a proposed mixed-use development at 35 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle (SSD 8999).

OEH's recommendations are provided in **Attachment A** and detailed comments are provided in **Attachment B**. If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steven Crick, Senior Team Leader – Waters, Floodplains and Coast, on 4927 3246 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure: Attachments A and B

OEH's recommendations

Proposed mixed-use development – 35 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle. Response to revised Submissions Report

1. OEH recommends that the Flood Emergency Response Plan is revised to provide protocols that ensure fail safe access to the proposed flood refuge.

OEH's detailed comments

Proposed mixed-use development – 35 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle. Response to revised Submissions Report

Flooding and Flood Risk

1. The Flood Emergency Response Plan needs protocols that ensure fail safe access to the proposed flood refuge

The emergency management plan provided as Chapter 5 of the revised Flood Risk and Impact Assessment (BMT, Dec 2018) needs to clearly explain how the risk of patrons becoming trapped in the retail areas during a major flood will be managed.

The egress routes described rely on public access to the fire stairs and from the stairs to residential areas during major floods. The updated Flood Risk and Impact Assessment (BMT, Dec 2018) recognises that protocols are needed that ensure fail safe access is established along emergency egress routes. No information on these protocols has been included in the Flood Emergency Response Plan provided as Chapter 5.

Recommendation 1

OEH recommends that the Flood Emergency Response Plan is revised to provide protocols that ensure fail safe access to the proposed flood refuge.

2022 Budget Summary

Approved: March 15, 2022 - 15th Legislative Session
House Bill 1000: Budget

Planning and Policy

The House Budget Committee has reviewed the 2022 Budget and has approved the following recommendations:

The committee has approved the 2022 Budget and has recommended that the Governor sign the bill. The committee has also recommended that the Governor veto the bill if it is not signed by the Governor by the end of the session.

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Legislation

The committee has approved the following legislation: