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Dear Mr Wilson

SSD 9194 Student Accommodation, 13-23 Gibbons Street, Redfern - Request to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report

I refer to your request to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) for the State Significant Development (SSD) application for Student Accommodation Gibbons Street (SSD 9194).

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

"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."

The power to determine whether a SSD proposal is *"not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values"* (on behalf of the *Planning Agency Head*) has been delegated to Director level within the Planning Services Division of the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department).

I have reviewed your request having regard to sections 1.5 and 7.3 of the BC Act and clause 1.4 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*. I consider that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values and therefore it is not necessary to submit a BDAR as part of the SSD application.

The delegated *Environment Agency Head* in the Office of Environment and Heritage has been consulted and on 2 August 2018 confirmed that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values. A copy of this letter is attached for your reference.

Therefore, under section 7.9(2) of the BC Act, the requirement to submit a BDAR has been waived for the proposed SSD 9194.

This waiver is issued in respect of the proposed development detailed in the waiver request. Amendments to the development may require a further waiver to be sought and issued.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ellen Mannix, Senior Planning Officer, Key Sites Assessments, at the Department on (02) 8275 1031.

Yours sincerely,

 6/8/18
Cameron Sargent
Acting Director
Key Sites Assessments
(as the Secretary's nominee)