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Dear Mr Kavanagh,

Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Schools Project (SSD-9343)

Biodiversity, Condition B22

I refer to your letter dated 21 July 2022 seeking the Planning Secretary's opinion for the removal of the 2 trees at the project site and potential triggering of additional biodiversity credits under condition B22 of the project development consent (SSD-9343). I acknowledge and thank you for your response to the Department's review comments and requests for additional information.

I note that through the Department's' submission assessment and requests for additional information process, the project ecologist (Eco Logical Australia) has provided a written advice confirming that additional biodiversity credits have been triggered by the removal of the trees at the site. As a result, the Planning Secretary's opinion is no longer required on this matter.

I remind you of the current investigation being undertaken by the Department's Compliance team as to the removal of the trees at the site and advise you to contact the Department Compliance team to discuss the proposed process, as advised by your project ecologist, to resolve additional biodiversity credits triggered by the removal of the trees at the site.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Wood at matthew.wood@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary