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Our Ref: SSD-9351535-PA-1

16/05/2022

Dear Mr. Dowman,

**John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct (SSD-9351535)
Proposed Northern Road, Conditions A19, A20 and A21**

I refer to the proposed Northern Road biodiversity impacts findings, submitted for endorsement of the Planning Secretary in accordance with condition A19 of the consent for the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct (SSD-9351535). I also acknowledge and thank you for your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

I note that the biodiversity impact findings:

- have been reviewed by the Applicant and no issues have been raised;
- contain the information required by condition A19 of the consent;
- address the comments raised by the Planning Secretary for further information; and
- have been submitted to the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of Stage 2 construction works at the project site.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I endorse the proposed Northern Road biodiversity impact findings in accordance with condition A19 of SSD-9351535, and acknowledge that the net additional clearance of vegetation required to upgrade the existing fire trail as determined under condition A19 would not have a lesser biodiversity impact compared to Stage 2 (the second stage eastern extension of the proposed Northern Road). Please note that conditions A20 and A21 are not triggered as upgrade of the existing fire trail will not be pursued.

I remind you that no additional vegetation and/or habitat clearing should be undertaken which has not been approved in the project development consent.

Please note that if there is any inconsistency between the approved document and the conditions of consent, then the requirements of conditions of consent will prevail.

If you have any questions or would like to seek any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Matt Wood on 9373 2855, or at matthew.wood@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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As nominee of the Secretary