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Dear Mr Murphy

SSD 9452 Alterations and additions to the Australian Museum - Request to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report.

I refer to your Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) report prepared by Ethos Urban (dated 29 June 2018) which includes a request to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) for the State Significant Development (SSD) application for Alterations and additions to the Australian Museum (SSD 9452).

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 27 July 2018 confirmed also provided 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 9452.

This waiver is issued in respect of the proposed development detailed in a request for SEARs dated 29 June 2018. 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,

Handwritten signature in blue ink, followed by the date 11/8/18.

Cameron Sargent
Acting Director
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(as the Secretary's nominee)