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SSD 9670

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Dear Mr Gibson

2-6 Hassall Street, Parramatta (SSD 9670) – Western Sydney University Innovation Hub – request for determination under Section 7.9(2) of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has reviewed the request submitted on 21 January 2019 to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be submitted with the State significant development application SSD 9670.

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

“Any such application [SSD] 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 an SSD is “*not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values*” was delegated to the OEH Senior Executive on 4 December 2017.

I have reviewed the assessment of the biodiversity values of the site as described in the documentation from Ethos Urban dated 17 January 2019 and have determined that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values and therefore a BDAR is not required.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Marnie Stewart, Senior Project Officer Planning, on 9995 6868 or by email at Marnie.Stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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