

Our ref: SSD-9835-PA-173

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Attention: Stephen Saunders (Stephen.Saunders@venuesnsw.com)

12/12/2023

**Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment – Stage 2 (SSD-9835)
Biodiversity Management Sub-Plan (BMSP), Tree Removal, Condition B27**

Dear Mr Raggatt

I refer to your submission dated 12 September 2023 advising the Planning Secretary about the removal of Tree No. 174 from the project site under condition B27 of SSD-9835.

I note the submission:

- was reviewed by the Applicant and no issues were identified;
- states Tree No. 174 has been already removed;
- contains an assessment report, dated 26 June 2023, prepared by a qualified Arborist (TreeIQ), justifying the immediate removal of Tree No. 174 as the tree posed an unacceptable safety risk;
- includes email correspondence from Council's Tree Management Officer confirming urgent removal of Tree No. 174 due to safety issues; and
- has been lodged as per Action 40 of the BMSP, developed in accordance with condition B27 and approved by the Certifying Authority as part of the CEMP package under condition B23 of the consent.

I also note that the Arborist Report has been submitted to the Planning Secretary after removal of Tree No. 174, where under Action 40 of the BMSP, the report is to be submitted to the Secretary prior to the tree removal.

Notwithstanding this, I acknowledge receipt of the Tree Removal Arborist Report, dated 26 June 2023, for our information.

You are advised that this matter will be referred to the Department's Compliance Team based on the Arborist Report not being submitted to the Department prior to the tree removal, as required under Action 40 of the BMSP.

Also, please make the submission available for public access on the project website in accordance with condition A36 of SSD-9835.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Crinnion', positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Dominic Crinnion
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary