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Attention: Megan Fu

Dear Mr Lusher

Reference is made to your correspondence to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) dated 17 November 2014 regarding a request to modify the Northern Beaches Hospital Concept Proposal and Stage 1 Works (SSI 5982 MOD1) in Frenchs Forest, in the Warringah Council local government area.

The modification works involve additional site preparation works including the construction of retaining walls and associated landscaping. These are proposed within the development site and the previous approval allows for the entire clearing of this site. OEH does not raise any issues with this current application.

OEH notes the consent conditions for Stage 1 require the retirement of ecosystem credits and species credits from Biobanking agreement 55 and Biobanking agreement 38 as well as the execution of a Biobanking agreement for the Aquatic Drive site (Lot 2782 DP46992) and retirement of credits within 12 months of the approval (dated June 2014).

The required number and types of biodiversity credits from Biobanking agreements 55 and 38 have been purchased but are yet to be retired. To date, OEH has not received an application for a BioBanking agreement for the Aquatic Drive site. It is recommended that an application be submitted to OEH as soon as possible to ensure that the Biobanking agreement is approved and registered on land title within the designated approval period.

Should you have any queries in regard to this correspondence please contact Senior Operations Officer Rachel Lonie on 9995 6837 or by email at rachel.lonie@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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