

Our ref: SSI-8256-PA-508

Ms Sam Fard
Senior Manager - Environment
Sydney Metro

15 April 2025

Subject: Sydney Metro, City & Southwest, Sydenham to Bankstown – Condition E3 Interpretation

Dear Ms Fard,

Thank you for your letter of request, dated 7 March 2025, seeking clarification from the Planning Secretary regarding the interpretation of Condition E3, in accordance with the provision of Condition A6 of CSSI 8256.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree with the following aspects of Sydney Metro's interpretation of condition E3:

- The proposed application of Condition E3 is appropriate even though impacts were not anticipated in the initial environmental assessment (SPIR), as the condition does not exclude application to unforeseen impacts arising from detailed design development.
- Condition E3 permits residual biodiversity impacts where reasonable and feasible alternatives to avoid impact have been exhausted, as demonstrated by Sydney Metro's efforts to explore redesign options.
- Condition E3 requires that residual biodiversity impacts be offset in accordance with the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects, and Sydney Metro's intention to use the Biodiversity Conservation Fund satisfies with this requirement.

Please note that condition A6 of SSI 8256 authorises that Planning Secretary to make a final interpretation where there is a difference in interpretation. As I have agreed with Sydney Metro's interpretation in this instance, this letter is advisory only.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Adam Iskander on 9895 6403

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GRH', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Grant Rokobauer
Acting Director
Infrastructure Management

As Nominee of the Planning Secretary