

Our ref: SSI-8896-PA-34

Mr Tommy Zhang
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Subject: Construction Biodiversity Management Sub-Plan

Dear Mr Zhang

I refer to your submission dated requesting approval of the Construction Biodiversity Management Sub-Plan (rev 1, 31 October 2024). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions in approval SSI-8896.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Construction Biodiversity Management Sub-Plan.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Construction Biodiversity Management Sub-Plan and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

Please note that approval of this plan does not permit the commencement of construction activities. Construction activities are defined in the Approval and approval of the full Construction Environmental Management Plan is required under condition C11 prior to the commencement of construction activities.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Nick Hearfield on 02 8217 2039.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LSE', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lloyd Eley-Smith

Team Leader, Transport and Water Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary