

14 December 2022

Department of Planning and Environment
Planning and Assessments
Director – Key Sites Assessments
Locked Bay 5022
Parramatta NSW 2124

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Taronga Zoo Sydney Wildlife Hospital (SSD-33211326)

I am writing in response to the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement for the development of the Taronga Zoo Wildlife Hospital. Council supports the provision of the wildlife hospital as facilities for the care and conservation of animals is in accordance with the core objectives of the Zoo.

It is noted that the new building is proposed to be sited “within the existing tree canopy cover” but the photomontages indicate that roofs may be partially visible. In this regard, it is suggested that the roof cladding should be of a dark earthy tone to blend in with the surrounding environment, i.e. options other than the specified colour of “surfmist” which is essentially an off-white, should be explored.

Further, to offset the required tree removal, the development should provide for a net increase in the total number of trees over the whole site. This should include suitable local indigenous large canopy trees sited below the new building so as to maintain the dominance of vegetation over built elements.

Conditions requiring compliance with the Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) should be imposed. The CTMP should also be referred to Council’s Local Traffic Committee for approval.

The construction should be managed so there is minimal impact on the amenity of surrounding residents in terms of dust and noise. Construction noise must be limited to the hours of 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays with no audible works at other times.

Should you require further information on this matter, please contact Joe Vertel on 9978 4214.

Yours sincerely



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