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Dear Mr Groundwater

**Biodiversity and Conservation Division Review of Response to Submission - University
Newcastle Honeysuckle City Campus Concept Plan (SSD 9262)**

I refer to your correspondence dated 2 August to the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD, previously the Office of Environment and Heritage) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, inviting comments on the Response to Submissions Report for the University of Newcastle Honeysuckle City Campus Concept Plan (SSD 9262).

BCD has reviewed the Response to Submissions Report, including relevant appendices, annexures, attachments and parts of the document titled '*Response to Submission, The University of Newcastle Honeysuckle City Campus Development (SSD 9262)*' (prepared by Ethos Urban and dated 11 July). BCD has no comments in relation to flooding or flood risk. BCD notes that a biodiversity development assessment report waiver was issued for the project on 8 May 2018 and no further biodiversity assessment was required.

Please note, BCD has not provided comments on Aboriginal cultural heritage at this time. This does not represent BCD support for the proposal, and Aboriginal cultural heritage matters may still need to be considered by the consent authority

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Vanessa Owen, Senior Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3116 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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