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Ms Heather Warton Director, Metropolitan & Regional Projects North Department of Planning and Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Mr Ben Eveleigh

Department of Planning Received

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Dear Ms Warton,

I refer to your letter of 2 November 2011 inviting the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to comment on the revised Environmental Assessment for the Graythwaite Concept Plan (MP10\_0149) and Stage 1 Project Application (MP10\_0150).

Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has reviewed the revised Environmental Assessment and provides the following comments on the biodiversity aspects of the proposal. Please note that the Heritage Council will also make a submission under separate cover.

## **Biodiversity**

OEH supports the inclusion of the recommendations of the Flora and Fauna Report dated June 2011 in the Statement of Commitments (SoCs) for the Concept Plan. It is requested that the SoCs for the Stage 1 Project Application be amended to also include a commitment to implement the recommendations and mitigation measures contained in the Flora and Fauna Report.

It is also requested that the following additional measure be included in the SoCs or alternatively, if the applications are to be supported, be made a condition of approval for both the Concept Plan and Stage 1 Project Application:

 prior to any demolition of roofs, a suitably qualified ecologist will ensure that there are no Eastern Bent-wing Bats hibernating in the roofs. If hibernating bats are found, works are not to commence on the building until after the hibernation period.

If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Marnie Stewart, Conservation Planning Officer on 9995 6861 or marnie.stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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