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Attention: Megan Fu

Dear Mr Lusher

Reference is made to your correspondence to the Office of Environment and Heritage dated 17 November 2014 regarding the public exhibition of the Northern Beaches Hospital Stage 2 (SSI 6792) development application in Frenchs Forest in the Warringah Council LGA.

OEH does not raise any issues with this current application.

OEH notes the consent conditions for Stage 1 require the retirement of ecosystem credits and species credits from Biobanking agreement 55 and Biobanking agreement 38 as well as the execution of a Biobanking agreement for the Aquatic Drive site (Lot 2782 DP46992) and retirement of credits within 12 months of the approval (dated June 2014).

The required number and types of biodiversity credits from Biobanking agreements 55 and 38 have been purchased but are yet to be retired. To date, OEH has not received an application for a BioBanking agreement for the Aquatic Drive site. It is recommended that an application be submitted to OEH as soon as possible to ensure that the Biobanking agreement is approved and registered on land title within the designated approval period.

Should you have any queries in regard to this correspondence please contact Senior Operations Officer Rachel Lonie on 9995 6837 or by email at <u>rachel.lonie@environment.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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