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Dear Mr Copas,

Subject: Notice of Exhibition – Roberts Road Data Centre located at 17 Roberts Road, Eastern Creek (SSD-10330) (Blacktown)

I refer to your letter dated 3 December 2019 requesting comments from the Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in relation to the submitted biodiversity development assessment report (BDAR) for the Roberts Road Data Centre located at 17 Roberts Road, Eastern Creek (SSD-10330) (Blacktown).

EES has reviewed the BDAR prepared by SLR dated November 2019 and found the report to be adequate.

However, please note that the BDAR states that there is one patch of regrowth vegetation on site as well as planted vegetation, which the BDAR variously describes as '*non-native*', '*mostly non-endemic native species*' or '*a mix of introduced and native trees*'. The terminology used to describe this patch should be consistent, so that it is clear that none of the vegetation in the planted areas would meet the definition of 'native vegetation' as per the BAM.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Bronwyn Smith, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 9873 8604 or Bronwyn.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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