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Attention: Brent Devine

Dear Mr Gibson

**Chau Chak Wing Museum, Sydney University, Camperdown Campus (SSD 7894)**

I refer to your letter dated 6 June 2017 to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) seeking comments on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

OEH has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and certain Technical Papers and provides comments on biodiversity at Attachment 1. Please note OEH is unable to provide comment on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters at this time and that this should not be taken as support or otherwise for the proposal

If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Marnie Stewart 9995 6868 or [marnie.stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:marnie.stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**Attachment 1: OEH comments on Chau Chak Wing Museum, The University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus (SSD 7894)**

**Biodiversity**

OEH has reviewed the Preliminary Biodiversity Assessment Report by AMBS, Arboricultural Impact Assessment by ArborSafe, and relevant sections of the EIS. The biodiversity assessment has correctly determined that there is no likelihood of impacts to listed ecological communities, and only potential minor impacts to threatened species.

OEH notes that the field assessment confirmed that most vegetation is planted natives and exotics and none of the vegetation falls within the description for any Plant Community Types listed in the NSW Vegetation Information System database. As a result, the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment (FBA) could not be applied to ecosystem credits.

One candidate species credit species was identified for further assessment; the Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*). This species may forage in the fig trees in and around the site and potentially forage in some of the smaller trees when in blossom. However, most of the feed trees will be retained, including all of the figs. The assessment correctly assumes that the removal of a few individual trees is unlikely to result in a significant impact on this species.

Although no fig trees are proposed for removal, impacts to tree protection zones could result in tree death or poor health and Arborsafe has made recommendations to minimise these impacts. OEH recommends that the following proposed mitigation measure in chapter 9 of the EIS be included in any conditions of approval: *"Implement tree protection measures as prescribed by the Arboricultural Impact Assessment Report at Appendix 10"*.

Limited potential roosting habitat was identified for the ecosystem credit species, Eastern Freetail-bat (*Mormopterus norfolkensis*), in the form of small tree hollows and the Fisher Tennis Building. An inspection of the roof cavity of the Fisher Tennis Building found no evidence of roosting bats. Only one hollow-bearing tree is proposed for removal and it is intended to be translocated. OEH recommends that tree hollows be checked by a qualified ecologist or wildlife carer for presence of bats prior to removal. Any bats found would be relocated, unless in torpor, in which case the relocation would be delayed until the end of the torpor period.

[END OF SUBMISSION]