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To: [Rebecca Sommer](#)
Subject: RE: Re invitation to comment
Date: Thursday, 19 May 2016 2:55:59 PM

Thanks Rebecca,

Here are a few comments.

My main interest is re heritage - can moveable heritage be preserved (maybe displayed) or at very least kept track of.

Secondary interest is if the native fauna programs can help re-introduce vanished species back to 'western' Sydney (they can no longer live in the heart of Sydney - too much highrise).

Tertiary and ongoing interest is about OFFSETS policy if I could please be kept informed of any developments thereon.

I got a bit confused with finding the document to comment on .. sorry ... It says there:

Attachments & Resources

Request for DGRS(2)

- [15247_SEAR_Request_Final.pdf](#) (1.256 MB)
- [Appendix A_Sydney Zoo Concept.pdf](#) (2.332 MB)

Director-General's Requirements(2)

- [SEARs_Signed_FOR WEB.pdf](#) (2.164 MB)
- [SEARs_Signed_FOR WEB_UPDATED 22 SEPTEMBER 2015-1.pdf](#) (2.342 MB)

Environmental Impact Statement(61)

- [2015_12_03_EIS_Exhibition_Drains.drn](#) (84.00 KB)
- [2015_12_03_EIS_Exhibition_MUSICsqz](#) (120.0 KB)
- [Appendix A_Consideration of Clause 228 and MNES.pdf](#) (142.7 KB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part1.pdf](#) (4.038 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part10.pdf](#) (5.775 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part11.pdf](#) (6.788 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part12.pdf](#) (8.378 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part13.pdf](#) (8.668 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part14.pdf](#) (9.216 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part15.pdf](#) (5.142 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part16.pdf](#) (12.98 MB)
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- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part18.pdf](#) (9.515 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part19.pdf](#) (2.699 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part2.pdf](#) (12.42 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part20.pdf](#) (13.92 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part3.pdf](#) (5.653 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part4.pdf](#) (9.867 MB)
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- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part6.pdf](#) (8.367 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part7.pdf](#) (5.625 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part8.pdf](#) (9.510 MB)
- [Appendix B1_Landscape Master Plan_Part9.pdf](#) (8.584 MB)
- [Appendix B2_Landscape Concept Statement_Part1.pdf](#) (3.071 MB)
- [Appendix B2_Landscape Concept Statement_Part10.pdf](#) (3.829 MB)

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- [Appendix B2 Landscape Concept Statement Part4.pdf](#) (6.994 MB)
- [Appendix B2 Landscape Concept Statement Part5.pdf](#) (7.658 MB)
- [Appendix B2 Landscape Concept Statement Part6.pdf](#) (733.3 KB)
- [Appendix B2 Landscape Concept Statement Part7.pdf](#) (11.99 MB)
- [Appendix B2 Landscape Concept Statement Part8.pdf](#) (6.969 MB)
- [Appendix B2 Landscape Concept Statement Part9.pdf](#) (7.868 MB)
- [Appendix C1 Architectural Drawings.pdf](#) (39.37 MB)
- [Appendix C2 Architectural Concept Statement.pdf](#) (20.70 MB)
- [Appendix C3 Back of House Concept Statement.pdf](#) (5.863 MB)
- [Appendix D SEARs.pdf](#) (2.374 MB)
- [Appendix E Transport Impact Assessment Report.pdf](#) (3.917 MB)
- [Appendix F Civil Engineering Plans.pdf](#) (15.20 MB)
- [Appendix G Civil and Stormwater Report.pdf](#) (1.576 MB)
- [Appendix H Contamination Report.pdf](#) (24.52 MB)
- [Appendix I Biodiversity Report.pdf](#) (9.693 MB)
- [Appendix J Bushfire Risk Assessment.pdf](#) (2.419 MB)
- [Appendix K Mechanical Engineering.pdf](#) (2.636 MB)
- [Appendix L Non-Aboriginal Statement of Heritage Impact.pdf](#) (2.407 MB)
- [Appendix M Aboriginal Archaeological Survey Report.pdf](#) (3.352 MB)
- [Appendix N Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment.pdf](#) (1.850 MB)
- [Appendix O Air Quality Impact Assessment.pdf](#) (2.232 MB)
- [Appendix P Energy Efficiency and ESD Report.pdf](#) (1.698 MB)
- [Appendix Q Waste Management Plan.pdf](#) (2.100 MB)
- [Appendix R Greenhouse Gas Assessment Report.pdf](#) (904.1 KB)
- [Appendix S Economic Impact Assessment.pdf](#) (811.3 KB)
- [Appendix T Lighting Concept Report.pdf](#) (1.815 MB)
- [Appendix U Signage Management Plan.pdf](#) (6.126 MB)
- [Appendix V Protected Matters Search Results.pdf](#) (100.4 KB)
- [Appendix W Surrounding Development Map.pdf](#) (10.48 MB)
- [Appendix X BCA and Accessibility Report.pdf](#) (1.628 MB)
- [Appendix Y Sydney Zoo Signage Policy and WSPT Responsibilities.pdf](#) (1.528 MB)
- [Appendix Z Proposed Plan of Subdivision.pdf](#) (1.456 MB)
- [SSD 7228 Sydney Zoo Environmental Impact Statement.pdf](#) (5.214 MB)
- [Sydney Zoo Development Application Landlord Consent Letter.pdf](#) (336.5 KB)

Response to Submissions(19)

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- [2016-05-13 Appendix B Community Consultation Report.pdf](#) (3.206 MB)
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But I take "RTS" to mean the response by the Zoo proponents to the submissions.

And at first I did not pick any such in all the above ... but that was my fault and I do now see it there ... as the last item in this set:

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Opening that it says the response is not by the Zoo people themselves but by JBA on their behalf .. and that "JBA operates under a Quality Management System that has been certified as complying with ISO 9001:2008. This report has been prepared and reviewed in accordance with that system" and I would like to comment that I generally think that is VERY GOOD that they so operate (but would also be interested in finding out exactly by who was their QMS certified. Does Planning know that, please?

Apart from that my comments are very few and minor.

As the Zoo will have a capital investment value of \$28 million it certainly will come under current SSD procedure.

I think the Government (via WSPT) did make it very well known that it wanted tourism or educational use of that part of Bungaribee (maybe even eco-tourism was mentioned?) and I remember roadside advertising being up there about that. A zoo well fits the original desire I think.

I'd imagine the general population too is much more desirous of 'a zoo' than just 'more open space' (even though there is concern about loss of open space in the broader picture).

But even though I'd have imagined the general public would welcome a zoo, it is interesting that ONLY ONE of the submissions from individuals, landowners and non-government groups [sometimes collectively referred to as 'the community'] actually supported the proposal according to the reply to submissions.

The list of concerns from submissions is headed with "Heritage (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal)".

Here is my main comment on that: The "OEHL outlined that due to other pressing issues no comments on Aboriginal heritage were able to be provided. It is noted that the OEHL were unable to review the submitted Aboriginal heritage information" - My comment is that this is ENTIRELY UNSATISFACTORY and should not

be accepted, and that OEH should be INSTRUCTED by higher in Government to do otherwise.

Also can you please find out for me what were some of these "other pressing issues" OEH was labouring under?

Were any of its pressing issue perhaps related to downsizing or de-staffing matters?

Re proposed collaboration with Muru Mittigar - please see petition that has been raised by Muru Mittigar that the survival of it and its nursery at Upper Castlereagh is now feared to be under threat due to possible commercialisation pressures on the land for other uses (housing or commercial) and that it seemingly does not feel its future there has been assured in any way by Government (I can give you more information on this if you did not know about it).

The RTS really doesn't seem to address physical in any way at all .. does it?

My bottom line concern is what is left ...for this part or for/from ANY of Bungarabee. What moveable heritage is there -- and where is it currently? Is there any plan to incorporate ANY of it any display or educational sidelines to the new zoo? For example (comparison), the Community Centre at Bungarabee it has once been said would display Aboriginal heritage including silcrete .. but when I went there to check this it seems to have never happened(?). Also there has been good fossil wood found on Bungarabee and it would be good to see this kept track of (wherever it might end up).

One of the conflict factors has been the feared adverse effects on the long-established local Featherdale zoo, and it is nice to see that the bigger new zoo might perhaps take Featherdale to its bosom with some cooperative ventures that can ensure the survival of Featherdale ("Sydney Zoo believes that there is a great opportunity for the Zoo and Featherdale to work together constructively...").

Re Australian animal content of the new zoo, I think I have written before can the new zoo play a part in returning vanished animals to the Cumberland Plain.

I have especially suggested the return be facilitated of the Doonside Death Bird (curlew).

Also is the dingo native to this area and should be returned ...?.... at least one local has told me he thinks the dingo was native, until relatively recent times.

Re that wastewater from the hippopotamus pool (now proposed to hold Asian Water Buffalo - does this mean the hippos are 'out' of consideration or are the water buffalo an added attraction), the aquaria and wet moats, it was thought such may require additional or alternative treatment. Has that been concluded.

I am a policies student (Master of Policy Studies UNSW) and one of the policy area I have been trying to come to grips with is OFFSETS

So I am interested in the bit about "In particular, there is some uncertainty as to the minimum thresholds at which the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects and the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment should be applied". Can I please find out more about that .. and has this uncertainty yet been settled.

Cheers,

John Byrnes

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Hi John,

The documents should now be available at the link below.

If you have any further queries, feel free to get in contact with me.

Cheers,

Rebecca

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**Sent:** Thursday, 19 May 2016 11:56 AM  
**To:** Lawrence Huang; Rebecca Sommer  
**Subject:** Re invitation to comment

Dear Lawrence / Rebbeca,

Re:

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If you would like to comment on the RTS, please do so by **Thursday 9 June 2016**.

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Re commenting on the RTS which may be found

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.. when I went to that link there is no mention of an "RTS" anywhere.

Could you please give me more details as to where it is .. or else send me a copy directly?

Thanks

John Byrnes

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a letter inviting you to comment on the Response to Submissions (RTS) put forward by Sydney Zoo Pty Ltd for the proposed Sydney Zoo, Western Sydney Parklands, Bungarribee (SSD 7228).

The RTS addresses issues raised in submissions received during the public exhibition of the Applicant's Environmental Impact Statement.

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If you would like to comment on the RTS, please do so by **Thursday 9 June 2016**.

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