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NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
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Attention: Simon Truong

Dear Simon

**Re: Proposed Research and Education Facility at Taronga Zoo (SSD 7311)**

I am writing to advise that Council has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for the development of a research and education facility at Taronga Zoo and the following issues are noted:

- There will be an overlap of construction projects (Sumatran Tiger exhibition and Research and Education facility) within Taronga Zoo. This may result in greater impacts on traffic and parking than if the projects were staggered.
- The Construction Management Mitigating measures (pg. 61) identify that construction vehicles will be limited to enter the site to between the hours of 6am to 5pm Monday to Fridays and 7am to 1pm on Saturdays. Council's standard construction hours are 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday. Council expects that construction vehicles should not be generating noise that could affect the amenity of surrounding residential properties outside of Council's standard construction hours.
- The photomontage of the new building when viewed from Curraghbeena Park (pg. 42) shows that existing and proposed landscaping will appropriately screen the building. It is not clear if the requirements of the Bushfire Assessment (pg. 49) which specifies the provision of an Asset Protection Zone will impact on the extent of landscaping to be retained/provided. The visual dominance of landscape over buildings is strongly encouraged on harbour foreshore sites.

Should you require further information on this matter, please contact Joe Vertel on 9978 4214.

Yours sincerely



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