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Dear Alexander,

**RE: SSD 7419 Australia Habitat and Taronga Wildlife Retreat – Taronga Zoo and  
SSD 7311 - Taronga Institute of Science and Learning**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the proposed Australia Habitat and Taronga Wildlife Retreat and Taronga Institute of Science and Learning. As a formal application to exhibits animals within these developments has not been lodged with DPI as yet, it is difficult to make an informed assessment of the proposals.

In reference to the information provided there are potential concerns relating to the welfare of some of the animals in this precinct including, but not exclusively, the noise management within the area, the apparent frequent close proximity of members of the public to some of animals and how this may interfere with their natural behaviour, shading from the buildings that appears to reduce access to natural sunlight, and the selection of species to be housed in the area.

A more thorough assessment of the proposal will be able to be undertaken when a detailed application has been provided as part of a formal application for this development.

If you have any further queries I can be contacted on (02) 4640 6201.

Yours sincerely



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