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Exhibition of Waitara Public School redevelopment, 48-58 Myra Street, Wahroonga - SSD 8574

Dear Mr Shergill,

Reference is made to your letter dated 26 March 2018, to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) regarding the redevelopment of Waitara Public School at 48-58 Myra Street, Wahroonga.

Please find attached OEH comments in Attachment 1.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Svetlana Kotevska, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 8837 6040 or at Svetlana.kotevska@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1 – Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) comments Waitara Public School redevelopment, 48-58 Myra Street, Wahroonga - SSD 8574

OEH recommends the following matters are addressed prior to the application being determined.

Biodiversity

- There is a patch of Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest community in the north-east section of the site that is approximately 0.3Ha. while this area is not affected by the proposed SSD, it must be protected during construction and it is recommended that a condition be included to this effect.
- There is a discrepancy between the Fauna and Flora (F&F) assessment by Niche and the Arborists report where the F&F assessment identifies a “single tree hollow in a large *Angophora costata* is to be retained (Plate 4)”. This tree number should be confirmed as it is not identified in the Arborists report and a condition should require the protection of this tree.
- The Arborist report and F&F by Niche conflict in terms of the tree removal shown along the sites northern boundary with the latter showing additional protection (refer to plans Figures 1 and 2 extracted below). It is recommended that the Arborist report tree removal plan is updated to be consistent.
- The site demolition plan (Figure 3) shows a greater number of trees being removed than 23 with approximately over 30 trees shown in red as removed. The plans need to be updated to clarify the number of trees removed.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

- The Aboriginal Archaeological Impact Assessment report prepared by Cultural Heritage Connections dated December 2017 states that the consultation undertaken does not conform to the requirements of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010 (DECCW 2010a). It further states that the assessment has been prepared as a consideration of the potential for the proposed development to harm Aboriginal objects and with reference to the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW 2010b). The consultant’s report also states that “it is not, however, an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment as defined in the OEH Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW”.

Item 10 of the SEARs regarding Aboriginal Heritage required the proposal to address Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in accordance with the Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (DECCW, 2011) and Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010 (DECCW). It does not appear that this SEAR has been addressed.



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Figure 2 - Flora and Fauna Assessment by Niche

Figure 4. Site diagram showing trees to be removed and retained (Birds Tree Consulting 2017)



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