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Submission re: Modification of the Lane Cove West Data Centre [SBD-9741-Mod-2]

information@planning.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Patrick Copas: Dear Patrick,

The Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society welcome the opportunity to respond to the proposal to modify the Lane Cove West Data Centre, and ask that you consider our response although we realise we are a day late in submitting it.

The Society has always had a great interest in the area of the Data Centre as it is visible to and impacts on the environmentally sensitive land at Ventemans Reach. The Society has led fairly regular bush/educational walks over the decades for residents through Ventemans Reach, from along the river through that reserve.

We are concerned about the two extensions proposed: the Fire trail and the Plant platform.

We are concerned at the visual and other environmental impacts that the modification or expansion of the Lane Cove West Data Centre is having on the adjoining environmentally sensitive wetlands and bushland.

The Plant platform will impact on the protection for the bushland as it intrudes into the 10 metre setback for land adjoining E2 bushland, and this should not be allowed. The Fire trail runs through the E2 bushland and we fear that widening it will cause loss of trees.

Yours sincerely,

Shauna Forrest, President, on behalf of the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society