



Your reference: MP 06_0250 MOD 7 Our reference: DOC15/6462 Contact: Robert Gibson 4908 6851

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Dear Ms Craigie

RE: FERN BAY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED MODIFICATION (MP 06_0250 MOD 7)

Reference is made to your email dated 8 January 2015 to this office of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) in which the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) invited comments on the proposed redesign of the subdivision layout and any recommended conditions of approval. Details of the proposed modification were on the DP&E webpage (http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=6886).

OEH has reviewed available details of the proposed modification in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage and threatened biodiversity issues. OEH notes that this modification comprises the realignment of roads and of allotment boundaries within stages 8B-10 and 13-17 which occur largely in the North East Precinct of the Fern Bay Estate. OEH further notes that the proposed changes occur within the existing development footprint and will not impact on the conservation land.

Given that the proposed modification to the existing consent does not involve any changes to the development footprint, or change the nature of the approved development, OEH has no further comments to make, nor any additional recommended conditions of consent in relation to threatened biodiversity or Aboriginal cultural heritage issues for this project. OEH comments and concerns in relation to MOD 6, as described in our letter to DP&E dated 9 December 2014 (DOC14/290818-02), however, still stand.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Robert Gibson, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4908 6851.

Yours sincerely

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