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No Comment to Planning Advice Request

Dear Mr Peng

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-11505245), requesting input from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for the proposed Modifications to Sydney Zoo – Amendment of Hours for Events (Application SSD-7228) at 700 Great Western Highway, Bungarribee.

The proposed night-time festivals such as events like “vivid” could attract around 2,000 to 3,000 visitors throughout the nights during the major events.

Under the current approval, SSD7228 MOD3 Conditions B10 and B10A, the night-time festivals are restricted to the months of December and January with the number of events limited to maximum of eight events per calendar year. This development application seeks to remove these limitations.

In addition, the proposed corporate functions are expected to accommodate 300 to 500 patrons.

Based on the information provided, the proposal does not appear to require an environment protection licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Furthermore, the EPA understands that the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a NSW Public Authority nor are the proposed activities other activities for which the EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority.

While the EPA does not have regulatory involvement in the projects, we recommend that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should address the following:

- **Water quality:** All practical measures that could be taken to prevent, control, abate or mitigate water pollution and protect human health and the environment from harm are considered and implemented where appropriate.
- **Waste management:** The EIS should estimate volumes of waste generated on the site and identify waste streams and disposal options for all waste including liquid waste, wastes classified as hazardous and wastes containing radiation. Waste management should consider the prevention of pollution, minimising resource use, improving the recovery of materials from the waste stream and ensuring the appropriate disposal of waste

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The EPA has published guidelines (available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au) relating to the above issue to guide assessment of these matters.

The EPA does not require any follow-up consultation and Blacktown City Council should be consulted as the appropriate regulatory authority for the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* in relation to the proposal.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Environment Line on 131 555 and quote the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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