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Dear Mr Peng,

Subject: Sydney Zoo, Bungarribee in the Western Sydney Parklands, Modification No. 7 Amendment to Hours for Events (SSD 7228)

Thank you for your e-mail received 26 November 2020, requesting input from Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on the Sydney Zoo, Bungarribee in the Western Sydney Parklands, Modification No. 7 Amendment to Hours for Event.

The modification relates to changes to the operating hours of the zoo, to allow for flexibility in terms of general opening to the public as well as for temporary and community events, and to remove the limitation on the number of events held. EES have reviewed the Modification Report prepared by Ethos Urban dated 20 October 2020 and make the following comments.

Biodiversity

Under section 7.17 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, applications for the modification of major projects must be accompanied by a biodiversity development assessment report unless the consent authority is satisfied that the modification will not increase the impact on biodiversity values.

To assist Planning and Assessment Group in making this decision, EES considers that the proposed modification is unlikely to increase the impact on biodiversity values.

Flooding

EES has no flooding comments.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Bronwyn Smith, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 9873 8604 or bronwyn.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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