

Our ref: DOC21/109947 Senders ref: SSD 10472 (The Hills Shire)

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Dear Ms Pon,

Response to Submissions – Expansion of the Museums Discovery Centre, 2 Green Road, Castle Hill (SSD 10472)

Thank you for your email of 17 February 2021, requesting input from Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on the Response to Submission (RtS) for Expansion of the Museums Discovery Centre, 2 Green Road, Castle Hill.

EES has reviewed the RtS table submitted by Milestone (Aust) Pty Ltd dated 3 February 2021 and advice outlined in EES previous correspondence dated 4 December 2020 (Ref DOC 20/932045) and make the following comments:

Biodiversity

The Tree Replacement Strategy - EES notes that the applicant states "The Tree Replacement Strategy will be finalised in consultation with The Hills Shire Council prior to commencement of construction". To ensure that the Strategy is finalised prior to commencement of construction, EES recommends that this form part of any development consent which may be granted.

Flora and Fauna Management Plan - EES notes that the applicant has raised no objection to this plan being included as a condition of consent.

BDAR – EES recommends that the requirement of one (1) credit be a condition of any development consent that may be granted.

If you have any queries or would like additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Bronwyn Smith Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 02 8973 8604 or at Bronwyn.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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