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Dear Mr Groundwater

**Biodiversity and Conservation Division Review of Environmental Impact Statement -
University Newcastle Honeysuckle City Campus Stage 1A (SSD 9510)**

I refer to your correspondence dated 2 August to Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD, previously the Office of Environment and Heritage) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, inviting comments on the Environmental Impact Statement for the University of Newcastle Honeysuckle City Campus Stage 1A (SSD 9510).

BCD has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement, including relevant appendices, annexures, attachments and parts of the document titled '*Environmental Impact Statement, 16 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle – Stage 1A of the Honeysuckle City Campus*' (prepared by Ethos Urban and dated 29 July).

BCD has no comments in relation to flooding or flood risk.

BCD notes that a biodiversity development assessment report waiver was issued for the project on 14 January 2019 and no further biodiversity assessment was required.

BCD is satisfied with the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment provided and no further assessment is required.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Vanessa Owen, Senior Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3116 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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