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Dear Ms Craig

Subject: Taronga Reptile and Amphibian Conservation Centre (SSD-17483577) (Mosman Municipality)

Thank you for your email received 28 July 2021 requesting comments on the above proposal. Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) has reviewed the information provided and provides the following comments in response.

Biodiversity

EES has reviewed the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared by Narla Environmental Pty Ltd dated July 2021 and provides the following comments:

- The subject site described in the EIS includes some areas that were not assessed as 'subject land' in the BDAR. The EIS states the total project area is 2390sqm (approximately) and architectural plans identify the site area as 2600sqm, however the BDAR identifies the subject land size as only 0.12ha. EES recommends the extent of the subject land in the BDAR is reviewed. If any of the subject site area that was not assessed in the BDAR contains native vegetation to be removed, or contains human-made structures or non-native vegetation that provides habitat for threatened entities, then these areas need to be assessed as part of the BDAR. If these areas do not contain native vegetation or provide habitat for threatened entities, then the BDAR should include a statement to justify why the extent of the subject land in the BDAR differs to the subject site in the EIS.
- Table 12 of the BDAR states that if any microbats are found in human-made structures, they are to be captured and relocated to surrounding bushland. If capture and relocation is required, this should be carried out by the Project Ecologist and if the microbats are in torpor, this action should be delayed until a more suitable time. Table 12 is to be amended to reflect these requirements.



Flooding/Floodplain Risk Management

No comment or concern is raised in relation to flooding/floodplain risk management issues.

If you have any queries please contact Shaun Hunt, Senior Conservation Planning Officer via shaun.hunt@environment.nsw.gov.au or 02 8275 1617.

Yours sincerely

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