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Dear Ms Cleary,

Subject: Notice of Exhibition – Fort Street Public School, Upper Fort Street, Millers Point (SSD 10340)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 31 March 2020, inviting Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department to comment on the Notice of Exhibition for Fort Street Public School located at Upper Fort Street, Millers Point.

EES has reviewed the relevant documentation and make the following comments.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report

EES notes that an ACHAR has been submitted and prepared by Curio Projects dated December 2019, and EES recommends that should an approval be granted that any recommendations within the ACHAR form part of conditions of consent.

Biodiversity

EES has reviewed the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared by Ecological Australia dated 19 March 2020, and advise that the BDAR has been completed in a manner which is suitable, given the highly disturbed nature of the site, and makes the following comments:

- Planted vegetation was best fitted to a PCT, but the vegetation integrity scores were so low that no ecosystem credits are required.
- Habitat assessment has identified one building with potential microbat habitat, but no physical signs of microbats were detected. This building is to be retained, so no targeted surveys were undertaken. There is a proposal for pre-development microbat surveys in the BDAR and this is supported. If species credit species are identified, then credit requirements can be calculated on the results of those surveys.
- Two planted *Syzygium paniculatum* cultivars were found and have generated two species credits.
- There are no outstanding matters that need to be addressed prior to approval.

Flooding

EES has no further 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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