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Dear Mr Williams,

Snack Brands Manufacturing Facility proposal (SSD-18204994)

I refer to the email of 13 September 2021 seeking comments from Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above.

EES has reviewed the EIS prepared by Willottree Planning, the biodiversity assessment report prepared by Travers Bushfire and Ecology and the flooding assessment in the stormwater report prepared by Henry & Hymas Consulting Engineers.

EES has no comments on the flooding assessment. In relation to the biodiversity assessment, however, EES advises the EIS does not comply with either section 7.9 (2) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or the 'How to apply for a biodiversity development assessment report waiver for a Major Project Application' 2019 DPIE guidelines.

EES also notes the EIS does not comply with the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements issued for the proposal on 27 May 2021, which requires the EIS must include '*an assessment of the proposal's biodiversity impacts in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, including the preparation of a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) where required under the Act, except where a waiver for preparation of a BDAR has been granted*'.

Should you have any queries regarding this advice, please contact Richard Bonner, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 9995 6917 or at richard.bonner@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. Harrison'.

14/10/21

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