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Key Sites Assessments
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Dear Mr Roppolo,

Subject: Sydney Olympic Park - Open Water Surf Facility (SSD-7942-MOD-1)

Thank you for your request received 6 October 2021 asking for comments on the above proposal. Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) notes that although no biodiversity issues were raised in EES's submission dated 28 May 2021, further concern relating to biodiversity impacts has been raised by the Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) in its submission dated 7 June 2021 and 1 September 2021. Specifically, concern is raised relating to noise and light impacts on nocturnal fauna from the proposed extension to operating hours. It is also identified that the proposed facility is located within the Millennium Parklands and sits on a nocturnal flight path between Haslams Creek and Newington Nature Reserve.

EES notes that on 1 October 2021 the applicant was requested to provide the following information to address the concerns relating to biodiversity impacts raised by SOPA:

Biodiversity impacts

In consideration of the comments provided by SOPA, provide a revised Biodiversity Impact Statement that:

- *details the fauna species and fauna habitats that would be impacted by noise and light spill from the proposed extension to the operating hours*
- *addresses the strategic context of the site, and relevant sections of the Sydney Olympic Park Authority Act 2001 and the Parklands Plan of Management*

ESS supports the submission of a revised Biodiversity Impact Statement addressing the above requirements. For further clarity, the revised Biodiversity Impact Statement should also assess the impact of the proposal on fauna species and habitats and include measures for mitigating these impacts.

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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