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Dear Gavin,

Subject: Response to Submission, St Anthony of Padua Catholic School MOD 1, 125-165 Tenth Avenue and 140-170 Eleventh Avenue, Austral (SSD 8865)

Thank you for your e-mail received 22 October 2021, requesting comments on response to submissions for the above proposal. Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) has reviewed the additional information provided including amended architectural plans and updated flood assessment and provides the below comments.

As previously advised the subject site is biodiversity certified, negating the need for further biodiversity assessment.

The proposed landscaping is satisfactory with the incorporation of Cumberland Plain Woodland (CPW) species into the planting schedule. The planting schedule does not include specific details of the number of trees to be installed. A condition of approval should be applied that tree planting on site be undertaken at no lesser density than that shown in the Site Tree Planting Arrangement Plan prepared by Umbaco Landscape Architects dated April 2021.

The landscape plan also includes a remnant patch of CPW for retention and protection. A condition of approval should be applied that only locally native CPW species are to be utilised for landscape planting within this remnant patch and that any landscape works should be undertaken under the supervision of a suitable qualified bush regenerator or ecologist.

Further to the above, EES notes that the modified proposal presents greater potential for encroachment into the tree protection zones within the remnant patch of CPW. For example, the modified plans show potential 1:4 batter from the proposed sports field adjacent to the patch and a new pathway through the patch. To protect this remnant patch of CPW, a condition of consent should be applied for a suitably qualified arborist (Diploma in Arboriculture) to establish tree protection fencing in accordance with Australian Standard 4970:2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites prior to any works commencing on site. No encroachment greater than 10% of the tree protection zone is to occur without prior confirmation from the project arborist that this can occur without adverse impacts to trees.

In relation to flooding, EES is satisfied that our previous comments have been addressed and raises no further comments on concerns.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Harrison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

12/11/21

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