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Dear Rodger

**Subject: The New Sydney Fish Market – Stage 2 MOD 6 (SSD 8925)**

Thank you for your e-mail received 3 December 2021, requesting input from Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) on the New Sydney Fish Market – Stage 2 MOD 6.

The modification application seeks to temporarily extend the boundary of the site to include the Sydney Secondary College car park at 1 Pyrmont Bridge Road, to be utilised as temporary site accommodation (site sheds and amenities) during the construction of the new Sydney Fish Market.

EES has reviewed the proposal and provides the following comments.

**Impacts to Vegetation**

The proposed modification will result in the removal of three small trees within the footprint of the proposed site sheds. EES is satisfied that due to the size and low significance of the trees, their removal will not result in any additional biodiversity impacts.

With the above noted, one high value tree, identified as tree 11 in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment prepared by Hunter Bruce Tree Consulting, will be subject to encroachment into its tree protection zone (TPZ). The report notes that *‘three (3) x screw piles are required in the TPZ area (as shown in figure 7) however this is unlikely to have any impact on the tree provided exploratory non-destructive excavation is carried out before the screw piling to ensure major roots are not damaged’*.

This statement assumes there is flexibility in the placement of the proposed screw piles and that if significant roots are identified the screw piles may be moved to another root free location. This assumption should be confirmed and if incorrect, the necessary root investigation should be undertaken now to determine if any amendment is required to the positioning of the proposed gantry deck to ensure the tree is not impacted.

**Other Biodiversity Impacts**

The major biodiversity impact associated with this SSD was in relation to *Southern myotis* roosting in the wharf and the seawall. A Microbat Management Plan was prepared for the concept plan and stage 2, and microbats were excluded prior to demolition of the wharf and construction along the seawall. Compensatory habitat is to be incorporated during final design in 2024. This MOD appears not to impact upon the seawall or have any other additional biodiversity impacts.

If you have any queries please contact Shaun Hunt, Senior Conservation Planning Officer at [shaun.hunt@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shaun.hunt@environment.nsw.gov.au) or 02 8275 1617.

Yours sincerely



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