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Dear Mr Tweneboa

St Matthews Catholic College - Exhibition

Thank you for your e-mail dated 25 May 2019 to the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department inviting comments on the exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed St Matthews Catholic College in Mudgee.

BCD note that a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) waiver was issued for this project on 18 April 2019. BCD have reviewed the exhibited EIS against the documents provided as part of the waiver application. BCD acknowledge that the footprint for the proposed development presented in the EIS is the same as what was assessed for the waiver.

BCD have examined the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage assessment and Aboriginal consultation undertaken by the proponent. BCD note that the proponent has undertaken consultation in accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (DECCW) and acknowledge that the project will not harm Aboriginal objects.

BCD have no specific comments on the exhibited EIS.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Michelle Howarth, Conservation Planning Officer, via michelle.howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au or (02) 6883 5339.

Yours sincerely

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