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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Notice of Exhibition – St Francis Catholic College Landscaping Plan (SSD 10365)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 3 July 2020, inviting Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to comment on the Notice of Exhibition for St Francis Catholic College Landscaping Plan.

EES has reviewed the relevant documentation and make the following comments on biodiversity.

The Landscape Management Plan states that the native vegetation communities surrounding the site are Shale Plains Woodland (SPW) and Alluvial Woodland (AW). The SEARs require that the landscaping will "use a diversity of local provenance species (trees, shrubs and groundcovers) from the native vegetation community (or communities) that occurs, or once occurred, on the site, to improve biodiversity".

However, EES notes that the planting schedule in the Landscape Management Plan includes several species not found in these vegetation communities. In order to meet the SEARs requirements, EES recommends the planting schedule is amended to include the following species (as per EES's BioNet Vegetation Classification database):

1. In areas where SPW would have occurred on site, appropriate species for planting are:
Eucalyptus moluccana, *E. tereticornis*, *Bursaria spinosa*, *Dichondra repens*; *Cheilanthes sieberi* subsp. *sieberi*; *Aristida vagans*; *Microlaena stipoides* var. *stipoides*; *Themeda australis*; *Brunoniella australis*; *Desmodium gunnii*; *Opercularia diphylla*; *Wahlenbergia gracilis*; *Dichelachne micrantha*; *Paspalidium distans*; *Eragrostis leptostachya*; *Lomandra multiflora*; *Dianella longifolia*; *Oxalis perennans*; *Euchiton sphaericus*; *Goodenia hederacea*; *Aristida ramosa*; *Arthropodium milleflorum*; *Austrodanthonia tenuior*; *Cymbopogon refractus*; *Echinopogon caespitosus*.
2. In areas where AW would have occurred on site, appropriate species for planting are:
Eucalyptus tereticornis; *Angophora floribunda*; *Eucalyptus amplifolia* subsp. *amplifolia*, *Acacia parramattensis*; *Bursaria spinosa* subsp. *spinosa*; *Sigesbeckia orientalis*, *Microlaena stipoides* var. *stipoides*; *Oplismenus aemulus*; *Dichondra repens*; *Entolasia marginata*; *Solanum prinophyllum*; *Pratia purpurascens*; *Desmodium gunnii*; *Echinopogon ovatus*; *Commelina cyanea*; *Veronica plebeia*

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Bronwyn Smith Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 9873 8604 or Bronwyn.smith@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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

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