

Department of Planning and Environment

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Your ref: SSD 8706

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Subject: Request for Biodiversity Development Assessment Report Waiver - Night Racing at Royal Randwick Racecourse (SSD 8706)

I refer to the request to waive the requirement for a biodiversity development assessment report (BDAR) to be submitted with the subject State Significant Development Application. Environment and Heritage Group (EHG) have reviewed the information provided by the applicant in the BDAR waiver report prepared by Urbis, dated 30 March 2022.

EHG notes that in considering potential impacts to Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*), the BDAR Waiver Report also relies upon information contained within the Biodiversity Impact Statement prepared by Cumberland Ecology (dated 30 November 2021). The Biodiversity Impact Statement was prepared to assess potential impacts of the development on Grey-headed Flying-fox and identifies mitigation measures that are proposed to be incorporated into the design and operation of the development to reduce these potential impacts.

EHG is satisfied with the conclusions of the BDAR Waiver Report that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values. Accordingly, the application does not need to be accompanied by a BDAR.

The determination is attached for you to provide to the applicant. Also attached for your information is the decision report prepared by EHG. The decision report should not be provided to the applicant without EHG approval.

Please note that if the proposed development is changed so that it is no longer as described in Schedule 1 of the determination, the applicant will need to lodge a new waiver request or prepare a BDAR.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Greater Sydney Branch at rog.gsrplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Encl 1.EHG, DPE determination
2.EHG, DPE recommendation report