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Dear Ms Starkey

Biodiversity and Conservation Division Review of Environmental Impact Statement – Mixed Use Development 136-146 &148 Donnison Street Gosford (SSD 9813)

I refer to your correspondence dated 8 October 2019 to the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment, inviting comments on the Mixed Use Development at 136-146 &148 Donnison Street Gosford (SSD 9813).

BCD has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement, including relevant appendices, annexures, attachments and parts of the documents titled 'Gosford Alive Concept DA + Stage 1 works (demolition, clearing, site improvements)- Environmental Impact Statement for State Significant Development' (prepared by Mecone Pty Ltd and dated 27 September 2019), in relation to flooding and flood risk impacts. BCD are satisfied with the flooding assessment provided and no further assessment is required.

BCD notes that a biodiversity development assessment report waiver was issued for the project on 6 September 2019 and no further biodiversity assessment was required.

Please note that no comments on Aboriginal cultural heritage have been provided at this time. Aboriginal cultural heritage matters may still need to be considered by the consent authority.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Vanessa Owen, Senior Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3116 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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