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Our ref: DOC19/899247-7
Your ref: SSD 8667 MOD 2

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Dear Ms Berzins

Subject: Goulburn Base Hospital – SSD 8667 MOD 2 – Comments on modification report

I refer to your request for our input for Goulburn Base Hospital Modification Report for our review and comment. The Biodiversity & Conservation Division (BCD) have provided comments on the information provided regarding biodiversity and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters only.

In short the report provides insufficient information to determine whether the modification will have any impact on biodiversity or Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Biodiversity:

A Biodiversity Development Assessment Report Waiver was issued for the original project on 8 December 2017. However, as this is a modification to a planning approval, section 7.17 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) applies. This means that the proponent needs to demonstrate that the proposed modification will not increase the impact on biodiversity values. Further information should be provided that clearly demonstrates section 7.17 of the BC Act has been addressed.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

It is unclear from the information provided whether there will be any impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage from the modification. Further information should be provided to clearly demonstrate that the modification will not impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage values.

If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact Lyndal Walters on 02 6229 7157 in relation to biodiversity or Kym McNamara on 02 6229 7028 for Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Saxon'.

MICHAEL SAXON
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