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Dear Louise

Mixed use development at 8-16 Watt Street, Gosford (Gateway site) (SSD-10414) – Review of Environmental Impact Statement

I refer to your email dated 3 September 2020 in which Planning and Assessments Group (P&A) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) invited Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department for advice in relation to the proposed mixed use development (Gateway site), located at 8-16 Watt Street (Lot 112 DP 1022614), 243 and 249 Mann Street, and 135 and 137 Faunce Street (Lots 1-4 DP 1191104), in Gosford.

BCD has reviewed the '*Environmental Impact Statement - Concept SSD for Mixed Use Development Gosford Gateway Centre (Mann, Faunce & Watt Streets)*' (prepared by Barker Ryan Stewart Pty Ltd and dated 27 August 2020), including relevant appendices, annexures and attachments in relation to impacts on biodiversity and flooding.

A biodiversity development assessment report waiver was issued for the project on 2 April 2020 and no further biodiversity assessment is required. BCD is satisfied with the flooding and flood risk assessment in the Environmental Impact Statement and no further assessment is required.

With respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage, BCD is no longer the relevant agency for Aboriginal cultural heritage matters. From 1 July 2020, the regulation of Aboriginal cultural heritage transferred to Heritage NSW. Any enquiries, assessments, requests for comment or matters relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage should now be sent to heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steve Lewer, Senior Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3158 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Cox'.

29 September 2020

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