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Attention: Dimitri Gotsis

17/12/2021

Dear Dimitri

Subject: Response to EES comments in respect of SSD-8640 MOD 3

I refer to comments received from the EESG dated 28 October 2021, prepared in response to Picton High School MOD 3. This correspondence has been prepared to clarify the matters raised in the aforementioned correspondence.

Condition 36(d) – Native tree hollows and tree trunks

EES identified an inconsistency within Attachment 3 of the documentation, noting that there are three locations proposed in the Agriculture Precinct identified for felled native tree habitat provision. This related to the original report 'Landscape Management Plan', issue No.4 dated April prepared by Arcadia. Upon further investigation by the Project Team, two of the locations that were originally identified have been deemed as impractical when considering the design holistically and consulting the school in relation to its operational requirements. Accordingly, the Project team identified 2 alternate locations that will satisfy the requirements of all stakeholders, which are detailed in the revised mark-up (**Attachment 1**) to provide further clarity.

We also confirm that the current target is to place the 20 tree trunks at the school site by 1 June 2022. The reference to 2021 is a typographical error.

Condition 36(e) – Artificial nesting boxes

20 nesting boxes have been ordered and have now been installed on the site. The number of nesting boxes ordered are as per **Attachment 2**. It should be noted that the reference to 26 on the invoice from the Landscaping supplier related to other multiple items on the invoice.

We note EES's commentary around the 'kookaburra' nesting box. The reference to 'Kookaburra' is the model name created by the company 'Nest Boxes Australia'. The nesting box is suitable for a multitude of native Australian bird species, including those listed within Appendix C of the Biodiversity Assessment Report which accompanied SSD-8640.

As stated, there were no kookaburra's observed within the Biodiversity Assessment Report, therefore we do not believe bird baths are a requirement at this time.

We acknowledge EES's recommendations on page 2 of the response and will note this for the school to consider operationally during their landscaping maintenance procedures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherwin Rasquinha', with a horizontal line underneath.

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