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SSD 8976

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**UTS Graduate School change of use from commercial to educational establishment and fit out
- Request for Biodiversity Development Assessment Report waiver (SSD 8976)**

Dear Mrs Hastwell,

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has reviewed the request from Urbanac dated 21 February 2018, to waive the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be submitted with the State significant development application.

Under section 7.9(2) of the *Biodiversity Conservation (BC) Act 2016*:

“Any such application [SSD] is to be accompanied by a biodiversity development assessment report unless the Planning Agency Head and the Environment Agency Head determine that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values.”

The power to determine whether an SSD is “*not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values*” has been delegated to the OEH Senior Executive on 4 December 2017.

I have reviewed the assessment of the biodiversity values of the site as described by the consultant Urbanac in the report titled *Biodiversity Development Assessment Report - Request for Waiver*. I have determined that the proposed development is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values and that there is no need for the SSD application to include a BDAR.

Please contact Svetlana Kotevska on 8837 6040 or at Svetlana.kotevska@environment.nsw.gov.au should you have any further queries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely



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