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SSD 8999

Mr Samuel Newman
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Dear Mr Newman

35 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle, mixed use development (SSD 8999) request for exemption (i) from the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment under the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects and (ii) from the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report

I refer to your letter dated 12 June 2018, seeking exemption from:

- i. the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment (FBA) under the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Policy for Major Projects and
- ii. the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report for a mixed used development proposal located on 35 Honeysuckle Drive at Newcastle (SSD 8999).

OEH is satisfied with your request for exemption from the FBA and agrees no further assessment of biodiversity is required. A Biodiversity Assessment Report does not need to be provided for the project.

OEH has reviewed the Heritage Assessment, 35 Honeysuckle Drive Newcastle, Final, June 2018 Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited, prepared on behalf of The Doma Group, for SSD 8999 with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage. The Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment identifies that the project area is comprised of reclaimed land, with land reclamation occurring in the twentieth century. OEH concurs that prior to the reclamation, the original landform would not have been suitable for occupation by Aboriginal people as it would have been underwater and only exposed at low tide.

OEH is satisfied with your request for exemption from the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report and no further assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage is required.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steven Cox, Senior Team Leader, Planning team on 4927 3140.

Yours sincerely

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