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Dear Karen

**The Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Schools Project SSDA 9343 –
Section 4.55(1A) Modification Application - Correction of Condition B24 – Biodiversity**

The Department of Education (DoE) is seeking to modify conditions B24 of the development consent for the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Schools Project (SSD-9343) under section 4.55(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The proposed modification is required to amend the condition as they relate to the correction of species referenced under the aforementioned condition to align with the Biodiversity Assessment report submitted as part of the application.

We note that Condition B24 of the above Development Consent requires retirement of credits or payment to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund of an amount corresponding to 9 credits for Sydney Blue Gum High Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion (PCT 1237).

The biodiversity assessment report prepared by Eco Logical Pty Ltd includes the BAM Credit Calculator output which shows that the relevant credits, based on the site boundary, are as follows:

- *Sydney Blue Gum – moist shrubby open forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion (PCT 1237) – 8 credits;*
- *Turpentine – open forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion (PCT 1281) – 1 credit.*

It is therefore proposed that Condition B24 be amended to reflect the correct number of credits, as outlined below:

B24. Evidence of the retirement of credits or payment to the Biodiversity Conservation Fund in satisfaction of condition B22 must be provided to the Planning Secretary prior to carrying out development that will impact on biodiversity values.

Any PCT with the below TEC	Number of Credits	Containing hollow bearing trees	In the below IBRA subregions

Sydney Blue Gum High Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion (PCT 1237)	8	Yes	Cumberland Plain and Pittwater Or Any IBRA subregion that is within 100km of the outer edge of the impacted site
<i>Turpentine open forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion (PCT 1281)</i>	<i>1</i>		

DOE looks forward to working with the Department to resolve the matters outlined above. Should you require any additional information or a meeting, please feel free to contact me on 0400 777 645 or via email at Jason.Lovric1@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely



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