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Dear Ms Roff

**Subject: Santa Sophia Catholic College (SSD 9772) – Request to waive the need for a BDAR under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016**

I refer to your correspondence dated 20 March 2019, regarding the request to waive the need for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) to be submitted as part of the above referenced State significant development (SSD) application.

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

*“Any such application 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 authority of the “*Planning Agency Head*” to determine whether a proposed development is “*not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values*” has been delegated to Directors within the Planning Services Division on 21 December 2017.

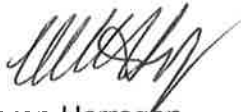
I have reviewed the application of the test of significance under sections 1.5 and 7.3 of the BCA and clause 1.4 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017* and determine that the development (as described in the letter from Urbis dated 20 March 2019) is not likely to have any significant impact on biodiversity values. The application, therefore, does not need to be accompanied by a BDAR. Accordingly, a waiver under section 7.9 is granted for the proposed development (being Santa Sophia Catholic College – SSD 9772).

The delegated *Environment Agency Head* in the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has also granted a waiver in a letter dated 3 April 2019 and a copy of that letter is attached.

This waiver is issued in respect of the proposed development detailed in a request for Planning Secretary’s environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) dated 21 December 2018. Amendments to the development may require a further waiver to be sought and issued.

Should you have any enquiries regarding the above matter, please contact Scott Hay on 8289 6780 or via email to [Scott.Hay@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Scott.Hay@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,



4/4/2019

Karen Harragon

**Director, Social and Other Infrastructure Assessments**

**As delegate of the Secretary**

Attachment: OEH Waiver