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Attention: Patrick Copas

Dear Ms MacDonald

Notification of s75W Modification - Hansons Asphalt and Concrete Facility

I refer to your letter received 29 July 2016 by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) seeking comments on the proposed modification to the Hansons Asphalt and Concrete Facility at Honeycomb Drive, Eastern Creek (MP06_0225 MOD 3).

OEH has reviewed the relevant documentation and provides comments on biodiversity at Attachment 1.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Marnie Stewart, Senior Regional Operations Officer on 9995 6868 or marnie.stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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ATTACHMENT 1**Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) comments on proposed modification to the Hansons Asphalt and Concrete Facility at Honeycomb Drive, Eastern Creek (MP06_0225 MOD 3)****1. Background**

OEH has reviewed the Environmental Assessment prepared by Willowtree Planning (July 2016) and Ecological Assessment prepared by Cumberland Ecology (February 2016). OEH understands that the proposed modification (MOD 3) will amend the subdivision layout and roads, relocate the revegetation area, amend the design of retaining walls and permit warehouse/industrial uses on part of the site.

2. Biodiversity

OEH previously provided advice on 31 July 2012 in relation to Modification 1 to MP06_0225 (MOD 1), recommending that vegetation losses be offset with a minimum offset to clearing ratio of 2:1 in accordance with the OEH policy at the time. Following this advice, MOD 1 approved the removal of 1.5ha of vegetation, to be offset by the revegetation of 1.85ha of the site with Cumberland Plain Woodland (an offset to clearing ratio of approximately 1.23:1).

OEH met with representatives of the proponent in February 2016 to discuss the relocation of the revegetation area and raised no concerns provided that the extent of revegetation was maintained. OEH notes that an area of vegetation 1.85ha in size is proposed to be revegetated under MOD 3. OEH considers that the configuration is a slight improvement as the area to be revegetated is adjacent to the area of the site to be development rather than in the centre of the development. However, it is still not ideal given high edge to area ratio which makes the vegetation susceptible to weed invasion and rubbish dumping.

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