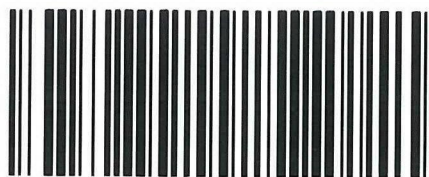




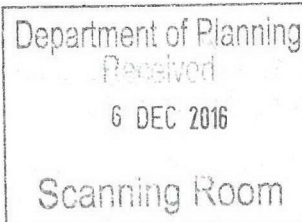
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Dear Ms Harras

**Re: Response to Submissions - Modification application to Project Approval - Cobaki Lakes Residential Community Development (MP 06\_0316 MOD 4)**

Thank you for your email of 21 November 2016 seeking comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the applicant's response to submissions report regarding the above modification. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

OEH provided a submission on the proposed modification on 1 July 2016. In that submission OEH recommended that *'the cat restriction condition is retained unless other conservation measures are put in place to address biodiversity impacts'*.

OEH has since discussed this matter further with the applicant (Leda Manorstead), Tweed Council and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). During those discussions it was made clear that Council considered that the restrictions on cats was the best way forward and no other conservation measures were deemed viable.

As a result of those discussions, OEH sent a letter to the applicant and copied the letter to DPE on 7 October 2016. In that letter we stated that we did not support removing the current restriction on cats.

The applicant's response to submissions does not change OEH's position. OEH does not support removing the current restriction on cats.

In relation to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, OEH acknowledges the response by the applicant that no harm to Aboriginal heritage within the Cultural Heritage Parks is being proposed. OEH recommended that *'the management protocols are amended to require the agreement of the OEH as well as the registered Aboriginal parties for any further harm within the proposed park areas'*.

OEH's recommendation is still relevant and the management protocols should be amended to include this provision for any further harm within those areas.

If you have any further questions about this issue, Mr Krister Waern Senior Operations Officer, Regional Operations, OEH, can be contacted on (02) 6640 2503 or at [krister.waern@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:krister.waern@environment.nsw.gov.au).

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