



Office of
Environment
& Heritage

DOC16/282136
DN10/0007

Mr Ian Drinnan
Principal Environmental Scientist
Sutherland Shire Council
Locked Bag 17
SUTHERLAND NSW 1499

Ian

Dear Mr Drinnan

Biodiversity and Kirrawee Brickpit, Princes Highway, Kirrawee

I refer to your letter received 8 June 2016 by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) seeking comments on intended changes to the development of the former Kirrawee Brickpit at Princes Highway, Kirrawee.

OEH notes that Sutherland Shire Council is currently undertaking a detailed design of the parkland and surrounding road network, and is subsequently contemplating modifying the park design and widening Oak Road adjacent to the site. OEH understands that the proposed changes will impact upon the size of the water body and wetlands, and will reduce the area of retained Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest (STIF) on original soils on site by approximately 350sqm. OEH understands that the changes may have implications for Voluntary Planning Agreements currently being negotiated between Council and the proponent.

OEH is unable to comment on the proposal without reviewing plans and details of the changes, which would typically occur as part of the formal State Significant Development modification process. In order to assess the impact of the changes, the information required would include, be not be limited to:

- Plans showing the proposed changes, including a plan comparing of the areas of vegetation to be retained under the approved and proposed development;
- Revised Flora and Fauna (F&F) Assessment to quantify the impact of the changes on the biodiversity values on the site, including impacts on fauna which were previously recorded on the site such as the Grey Headed Flying Fox and Eastern Bentwing Bat;
- Justification for reduction in size or removal of the water body and wetlands, and impacts of this change;
- Consistency of the proposal with the *OEH principles for the use of biodiversity offsets in NSW* (<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/biodivoffsets/oehoffsetprincip.htm>); and
- An updated Biodiversity Management Plan.

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

S. Harrison 25/07/16

SUSAN HARRISON
Senior Team Leader Planning
Regional Operations

Contact officer: MARNIE STEWART
9995 6868