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Dear Chris

OEH Advice on Threatened Species – Helipad, Trinity Point Marina, Morisset Park – DA/1176/2014 – Lake Macquarie City Council

I refer to your e-mail dated 14 May 2018, seeking comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed helipad (DA/1176/2014) at Trinity Point Marina, Morisset Park in the Lake Macquarie City local government area. OEH understands that this is a Part 4 development under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to which OEH has previously provided advice on threatened species when the project was being assessed under Part 3 as Major Project 06_0309 (MOD 3). OEH has reviewed the document titled '*Environmental Impact Statement - DA 1176/2014 - Proposed Trinity Point Helipad, Property: Pt Reserve 10121129 Crown Land (Lake Macquarie), Adjoins Part Lot 32 DP 1117408, Adjoins No 71. Trinity Point Drive, Trinity Point, Morisset Park*' (and relevant appendices) (prepared by ADW Johnson Pty Limited and dated April 2018) in relation to impacts on threatened biodiversity.

OEH's recommendations are provided in **Attachment A** and detailed comments are provided in **Attachment B**. If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Steve Lewer, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3158.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure: Attachments A and B

Attachment A

OEH's recommendations

Helipad, Trinity Point Marina (DA/1176/2014)

1. OEH is satisfied with the threatened biodiversity assessment provided and no further assessment is required.

OEH's detailed comments

Helipad, Trinity Point Marina (DA/1176/2014)

Threatened Biodiversity

1. OEH is satisfied with the threatened biodiversity assessment

OEH has previously provided comments on this development in correspondence dated 21 December 2016 to Department of Planning and Environment, where we had concerns on impacts to foraging habitat and flight paths of potential threatened avifauna. OEH has reviewed the report titled '*Ecological Assessment - Trinity Point Helipad, Trinity Point*' (Appendix F, prepared by MJD Environmental Pty Limited for Johnson Property Group and dated April 2014). Three threatened species were recorded within the vicinity of the proposal: Eastern Osprey, Sooty Oystercatcher and White-bellied Sea Eagle.

The report indicates the main direct Impacts of the development is the loss of 436m² of potential foraging area on the lake surface due to the installation of the helipad, and indirect impacts relating to bird strike by helicopter movements within its flight path, and noise impacts on threatened species during ascent and decent. This report concluded that the proposal was unlikely to have a significant impact on the threatened species. OEH is satisfied with the biodiversity assessment.

Recommendation 1

OEH is satisfied with the threatened biodiversity assessment provided and no further assessment is required.