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Dear Andrew,

Ecological Assessment – Existing Advertising Signs, Wentworth Avenue, Eastlake

At the request of Outdoor Systems an ecological inspection has been undertaken on the two existing advertising signs present on the pedestrian footbridge that passes over Wentworth Avenue, Eastlake. The inspection was conducted by Mr Harry Engel (B. Mar. Sc) on 17 October 2023 between the hours of 10.00 and 10.30 am. The inspection was carried out on foot, with each sign viewed from both the ground, and the footbridge itself, (to assist with the inspections, binoculars were used as needed).

We note that when onsite:

1. Each sign was inspected, this conducted in the company of a representative of Outdoor Systems.
2. The signs were already installed, therefore a precautionary approach to the structure of the footbridge, and the method of their installation adopted.

The objective of the inspection of the advertisement signs was to target any areas of critical habitat or features that could be utilised by a threatened species, population or ecological community.

The potential environmental impacts that were identified prior to the site were: any impact to threatened Yangochiroptera (microbat) roosting/foraging habitat, and areas of Biodiversity Values that are present within proximity of the signs.

Inspection of the footbridge and signs did not identify:

- any cavities suitable for use by microbats
- bird nests
- dreys (indicative of the presence of the Common Ringtail Possum *Pseudocheirus peregrinus*)
- white wash, characteristic guano or other signs of fauna occupation.

The areas of Biodiversity Values that were mapped (Figure 1) in the adjacent land would not be impacted by the ongoing operation and maintenance of the signs. Additionally the installation work for these signs was undertaken within the road corridor of Wentworth



Figure 1. Biodiversity Vales map



Avenue, therefore not impacting these areas. To permit the initial installation work, and the ongoing operation/maintenance, no vegetation was/is required to be cleared.

The signs, once installed did not present any additional barriers to the flying or movement patterns of flying species such as microbats or birds.

The installation of the two advertisement signs onto the pedestrian footbridge that spans Wentworth Avenue, Eastlake would not have had any adverse ecological impacts on any areas of critical habitat or features that could be utilised by a threatened species, population or ecological community.

If you require any further information on this matter, please contact the under signed on either (02) 9523 2016 or (0419) 840 147.

Yours sincerely,

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