

MEMORANDUM

TO: JRPP Secretariat

FROM: Ben Oliver - Assessment Coordinator Coffs Harbour City Council

SUBJECT: Enquiry – SEPP 44

DATE: 13 March 2017

Hello Lisa and thanks for the email which I referred to our Biodiversity Officer (Sally Whitelaw) for review and comment. Please see dot points below which I hope assist explaining the assessment process. Happy to expand on any points at our meeting – thanks

Ben

Comments from Sally Whitelaw:

- *When the DA was lodged, 15 May 2015, State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 44 did not apply to the Coffs Harbour LGA. SEPP 44 was amended 5 August 2016 to include Coffs Harbour LGA in Schedule 1 of the SEPP.*
- *The Coffs Harbour City Koala Plan of Management 1999 is referenced in the Coffs Harbour LEP 2013 'Part 7 Additional Local Provisions' by clause 7.8(2) which states that 'Development consent must not be granted to development on land to which this Plan applies unless the development is in accordance with Coffs Harbour City Koala Plan of Management, ISBN 0 7313 6050 8, published in November 1999.'*
- *However in section 2.5 of the Coffs Harbour City Koala Plan of Management 1999, 'Areas to which this Plan Applies', the Coffs Harbour Airport is specifically excluded from the plan. Additionally, the area affected by the Development Application contains no mapped Koala Habitat.*
- *Regardless, council recognises that the site does contain koala habitat and sought to reach a best practise outcome. As such the loss of Koala Habitat was avoided and minimised where possible, and lastly offsets provided at a ratio of 1:2 for the affected vegetation communities as per the Coffs Harbour Development Control Plan 2015.*
- *Amendments to existing airport security fence, and installation of new fencing has also been incorporated to minimise impacts to koalas.*