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Dear Ryan

RE: Concurrence request for Development Application for Kings Hill Residential Subdivision – Correction of Concurrence Decision Letter

I refer to my letter of 8 December 2021 in which I, as delegate of the Secretary of Environment, Energy and Science (EES) within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment) (the Secretary) determined to refuse to grant concurrence to DA16-2018-2018-772-1) (DA).

In this letter specific reasons were provided that support the decision. I write to address incorrect information contained in Reason 4. Specifically, Reason 4 states that “*the draft VPA provided with the DA **does not** [emphasis added] specify that the agreed monetary contribution from the proponent is to fund ‘in-perpetuity maintenance of the Conservation Area’*”. However, the draft VPA does specify this. I apologise for the error.

Notwithstanding the correction, BCD remains concerned about the likely effectiveness of the VPA in providing appropriate in-perpetuity conservation outcomes.

Please contact Steven Crick, Senior Team Leader, Planning, Hunter Central Coast Branch (BCD) on 02 4927 3248 or via email at rog.hcc@environment.nsw.gov.au should you wish to discuss this decision and these reasons further.

Yours sincerely,

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