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By NSW Planning Portal

Attention: Hamish McTaggart (Hamish.McTaggart@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Development Application 2021/129 – Animal boarding and training facility proposal at No. 1949 Martindale Road, Martindale**

I refer to the updated documentation submitted in support of Development Application (DA) 2021/129 via the NSW Planning Portal in response to National Parks and Wildlife Service's (NPWS) letter dated 18 November 2021 requesting additional information on the potential impacts to the adjoining Wollemi National Park (forming part of the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area).

On review of the submitted documentation NPWS advises that the matters raised in our previous letter have been satisfactorily addressed by the proponent. No additional concerns around the DA are noted by the agency at this time.

NPWS requests only that the recommendations expressed in the "*Ecology Advice prepared by MJD Environmental dated 24 March 2022*" around native fauna welfare, inclusive of the actions below are imbedded in the pre-construction schedule of conditions attached to the DA's determination.

- Conducting nocturnal fauna surveys prior to commencing construction on the kennel modules to ensure that any native arboreal fauna, such as Brush-tail Possums (*Trichosurus vulpecula*), are not trapped within the trees in the kennel complex on completion of the fences.
- Installation of exclusion devices on each hollow-bearing tree once the arboreal fauna (if present) has left the tree/s completely. Subject to the advice "*exclusion device should consist of a 300mm to 400mm band of tin, predation cap or similar installed around the tree barrel (trunk) at approximately 2.5m to 3m high. This will prohibit arboreal fauna being able to occupy the trees, however, still provide functionality for avifauna and bats*".

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me via email at:

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Yours sincerely,

**PHIL BRYANT**

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