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From: Morrissey - Jack
Sent: Friday, 6 August 2021 10:38 AM
To: Dataworks
Subject: FW: Koala Assessment

Please register to DA2021/035.

Further Information for Koala Assessment Information

From: Zaed Aznam [mailto:zaznam@itpau.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 5 August 2021 1:10 PM
To: Morrissey - Jack
Subject: RE: Koala Assessment

Good afternoon Jack,

Unfortunately, more cases were recorded in the last 24 hours.

As for the Koala Assessment, our ecologist incorporated his assessment and findings with the Biodiversity Report since no specific format (a standalone report) is required. As recorded from his field visit - *No Koalas, scats or other evidence of use of this zone or the development site were recorded during the survey effort.*

It is consistent with Koala Assessments submitted and approved by other Councils and Planning Panels.

Further below is the response to the RFI;

In response to the RFI from Council:

- **Point 3: Koala Assessment.** *I believe my field report and desk-top assessment considers far more than the development site alone. I traversed the property and the roadside and confirmed that the entire zone is devoid of a connected canopy that would support either a population of, or even a single Koala. The property is open grassland that is highly developed and aerial imagery of the site (and indeed the entire allotment) is devoid of viable connected overstorey species. I don't believe any further assessment is warranted.*

I hope this satisfies Council request, and should you have any further enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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Subject: Koala Assessment

Good morning Zaed,

How is lockdown going? I am just inquiring whether or not your Ecologist completed the Koala Habitat Assessment Report yet in accordance with the State Environmental Planning Policy (Koala Habitat Protection) 2020.

I am planning on preparing the Briefing Report for the Planning Panel in the coming days.

Best wishes.



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