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Dear Ms Rangiihu

DA10.2023.327.1 9 Polo Flat Road, Polo Flat – Review of updated Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR)

Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) have reviewed the updated Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) and the data in the Biodiversity Assessment Method Calculator (BAM-C) for this development.

As the information provided has adequately addressed the concerns raised in our letter of 15 November 2023, we have no further concerns regarding this assessment.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Ms Lyndal Walters, Senior Conservation Planner, on 02 6227 7157 or at rog.southeast@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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15 December 2023

29 November 2023

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Re: DA10.2023.327.1 9 Polo Flat Road, Polo Flat – Review of Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR)

Dear Allison,

EMM is pleased to confirm that the issues highlighted in your recent communication dated 15 November 2023 regarding the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) have been addressed and outlined below:

- **Inconsistency of the data between the BAM-C and the BDAR regarding the exclusion of ecosystem credit species:** EMM has rectified the discrepancies observed between Table 5.1 in the BDAR and the BAM-C data, particularly concerning the exclusion of multiple species such as woodland birds. The BDAR has been amended to align accurately with the BAM-C data, ensuring consistency across both platforms.
- **Insufficient targeted fauna surveys for ecosystem and species credit species:** The issue of habitat availability and reasoning as to why further surveys were not undertaken within the subject land has been expanded upon in Section 5.3 of the BDAR as discussed in conversation with Allison Treweek on Tuesday, 28 November 2023. Photographs of the habitat have been included.
- **Absence of field data sheets regarding flora surveys (transects) carried out in November 2019:** EMM has updated the BAM-C to show that targeted surveys have been undertaken for flora which did not reveal the presence of any threatened species within the subject lands. GPS tracks from these surveys will be emailed to Lyndal Walters. No field data sheets were collected as part of these surveys. All field datasheets for BAM plots have been attached to the amended BDAR in Appendix A.
- **Incorrect PCT in field data sheet for PF02:** EMM has corrected the PCT listed in PF02 field data sheet and attached it to the amended BDAR.

Should any further inquiries arise or should you require additional clarification on these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9493 9591 or via email at mpotapowicz@emmconsulting.com.au. I am available on weekdays from Monday to Wednesday and Friday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MP', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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We have reviewed the BDAR and have identified several issues that need to be addressed which are set out below.

- The data in the BAM-C and the BDAR is inconsistent regarding the exclusion of ecosystem credit species. Table 5.1 in the BDAR excludes multiple species, including woodland birds, whilst they are not excluded in the BAM-C. These species should not be excluded, and the BDAR should be amended to correlate with the BAM-C data.
- The level of targeted fauna survey is insufficient to exclude ecosystem and species credit fauna species as there have been no targeted surveys for fauna carried out on the subject land. Targeted fauna surveys should be conducted, particularly for striped legless lizard which are known in the area.
- BCD note that the flora surveys (transects) carried out in November 2019 have been relied upon to exclude species credit species, however the field data sheets have not been provided in the BDAR to justify their exclusion. These should be included as an attachment to the BDAR.
- The field data sheet for PF02 lists the wrong PCT and should be corrected.

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Yours sincerely



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15 November 2023