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NSW Planning Assessment Commission  
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

**Attention:** Mr David Way

Dear Mr Way,

**Proposal:** SSD 7228 Sydney Zoo at Bungaribee Park, Western Sydney Parklands  
**Subject:** Response regarding the revised Social Impact Assessment

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I refer to your correspondence dated 11 July 2017 inviting us to provide comments on Sydney Zoo's revised Social Impact Assessment prepared by the UTS Institute for Public Policy and Governance for the above proposal.

The revised social impact assessment has been reviewed by our officers and we appreciate the overarching social benefits offered by this proposal and in particular its employment programs and initiatives.

We encourage the growth of the overall Blacktown Area and opportunities for our community and their guests to benefit from access to improved and enhanced social and educational opportunities. We support a mitigation strategy as identified in the revised Social Impact Assessment, however it is our view that a condition of consent is imposed requiring Sydney Zoo to have a differentiation strategy which is identified and adhered to. This will guarantee the viability of Featherdale Wildlife Park by providing them a niche attraction and tourist offering which is not permitted to be catered for in this proposal, for example a petting zoo for native fauna.

The management measures provided in the revised Social Impact Assessment are also recommended to be included in Condition C9. Development of Regional Tourism to ensure that the responsibility of creating a 'tourism cluster', fostering growth in visitation to all zoo and wildlife parks, and cooperative animal conservation and knowledge programs and marketing activities are actively implemented by The Sydney Zoo.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Judith Portelli, Manager Development Assessment on 9839 6000.

Yours faithfully,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Trevor Taylor.

Trevor Taylor

A/Director of Design and Development