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RE: THE SYDNEY ZOO : D440/16

In response to your email invitation dated 11 July 2017 to provide a submission, following my contributed commentary on the Planning Assessment Commission's website on 15 December 2016.

After having read and pondered the Supplementary Assessment and Information presented on your site, it is obvious that the Sydney Zoo concept is widely acknowledged and a very desirable acquisition to the Western Suburbs and is actually greatly needed by the community. I don't believe that there will be an issue with Sydney Zoo and Featherdale Farm co-existing in this arena, as Featherdale has been around for quite some time, they have enjoyed and continue to occupy an established space and reputation in the community and marketplace in the Western Suburbs and beyond.

Both organisations are offering similarities and both are offering something different, that will appeal to the market on various levels and I feel this gives the public great options and opportunity to choose what it is they desire to experience at any given time.

I appreciate the offerings stated by the Sydney Zoo, especially that of developing and showcasing awareness of the many aspects of Aboriginal culture and engaging indigenous staff in the works at the Zoo. This is a beautiful opportunity and platform for them to express and teach about the culture in its many forms, in a forum where there are people who want to come and learn.

I feel Sydney Zoo offer a conscious, compassionate and inclusive approach, sympathetic to the unique diversity of the human community at large and where there are specific needs and the diverse community of animals and their unique needs that are to take up residence at the Sydney Zoo - their new forever home.

I'm very much looking forward to the commencement of construction and realisation of the zoo and also the additional recognition and visitation that Featherdale Farm will experience from the presence of the new zoo. I feel the co-existence will definitely be beneficial to both organisations.

Yours faithfully,

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