

## **Decisions of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage – biodiversity certification of Googong Neighbourhood 3-5**

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I, Dean Knudson, Deputy Secretary, Biodiversity Conservation and Science, Department of Planning and Environment, as delegate for the Minister for Environment and Heritage, having consulted the Minister for Planning and considered the *Biodiversity Certification of Land: Googong Neighbourhood 3-5 Recommendation Report for the Minister for Environment and Heritage* and attachments to that report:

1. am **satisfied** that the requirements for consultation with the local council of the area, under section 8.6(1) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and clause 8.4 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017*, have been met.
2. am **satisfied** that the consultation requirements under section 8.6 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* have been met and that further public consultation is not required.
3. have:
  - a. **considered** whether any impacts are likely to be serious and irreversible when determining this application in accordance with section 8.8 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*
  - b. **formed the opinion** that the clearing of native vegetation and loss of habitat on land proposed for biodiversity certification **is** likely to have a serious and irreversible impact on biodiversity values in accordance with section 6.5 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*
  - c. **determined** that no additional measures are required to further minimise the serious and irreversible impact, in accordance with section 8.8 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.
4. am **satisfied** in accordance with section 8.7(1) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* that, having regard to the biodiversity certification assessment report, the approved conservation measures under the biodiversity certification adequately address the likely impacts on biodiversity values of the biodiversity certification of the land.
5. **confer** biodiversity certification on the specified land in accordance with section 8.2 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* by signing and dating this decision report, and by signing and dating the order conferring biodiversity certification (attached to the Briefing Note accompanying this decision report) and approving its publication in the NSW Government Gazette.



8 July 2022

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**Dean Knudson**

**Date**

**Deputy Secretary**

**Biodiversity, Conservation and Science**

**Department of Planning and Environment**

**As delegate for the Minister Environment and Heritage**