

Decisions of the Minister for the Environment and Heritage – biodiversity certification of Woodbury Ridge Estate

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: Woodbury Ridge Estate 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 determined, in accordance with section 6.5 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, that the clearing of native vegetation and loss of habitat on land proposed for biodiversity certification **is not** likely to have serious and irreversible impacts on biodiversity values.
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.



1 April 2022

Dean Knudson

Date

**Deputy Secretary
Biodiversity, Conservation and Science
Department of Planning and Environment**

As delegate for the Minister Environment and Heritage