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To; Mr. Gary Chalmers, Senior Building Certifier; BMCC.

Re; 26 OBR objection..

Dear Gary,

After having reflected on my submission and review of the 26 OBR applicants submissions I attach this addendum to my own submission please.

- 1) **The “Anderson Ecological Surveys Pty Ltd” provided “Limitations Flora and Fauna Assessment..”** report states 1.2.7, that “this study was based on information provided by the client” in regard to the subject property.

This is simply not acceptable in any sense, and never is in any application, particularly since in this very instance, **the applicant is entirely and utterly wrong**; there are most certainly threatened flora, fauna and habitat within this property site. Please note too, that this also occurred during the first (withdrawn) application, which was also pointed out via a number of submissions at that time.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/animals/GlossyBlackCockatoos.htm> notes; “a major threat to the survival of the glossy black-cockatoo is **habitat loss** - the clearing of casuarina trees in woodland areas”

There are in fact several species of acacia on this site, listed in the “potential treated flora species” table; but somehow not identified in the report. Why is it then that there are often students of biology from various Sydney universities found in this very same area, investigating the various acacia (and other) endangered species here?

The very fact that some person unknown has clearly been “thinning” plants in this site, as can clearly be seen by dead trees and shrubs on the ground, and standing; as compared to the similar natural landscape immediately adjoining which is thick and vibrant, does not mean that these species of plant are not present. The seeds from these desecrated plants are still in the ground awaiting germination. There are still numerous living species present in any case.

The report also states 1.1, that “The house is proposed to be located on the highest section of the site which happens to be the more level portion of the site”. This too is completely wrong. In fact the house site is on virtually the lowest section of the block, not the highest. This make numerous other “conclusions” reported in this assessment absolutely inaccurate.

This report is incorrect, inaccurate and not acceptable in any manner.

- 2) **As noted in my submission the proponent has never on any occasion acknowledged the presence of the track along the eastern side of part of the site.** It is really inconceivable that given the proposed location of dwelling, and driveway in, that any such owner would not wish to utilise the public gazetted track adjacent to it, to the east. This would however add considerable impact damage to that track. The proponent should make his intentions clear in that regard.
- 3) **The Old Bathurst Road through lot 26 and up to the historic Rockorry Cottages (built in 1880) is**

the only access to these historic properties. This is integral to their history, and having been in constant use for the past one hundred and thirty years, as that access, this therefore must constitute previous use rights to those cottages. I believe that no matter whom the current technical owner of this road is, never-the-less there needs to be a proper commitment to providing permanent future free access to these cottages, via this heritage listed road.

- 4) **This very same section of road is also used by emergency service vehicles (such as RFS)** as well as normal service vehicles such as Sydney Water to access and service the pump station between the cottages and Hepburn Road. It should be noted that this section of road was critical to RFS access during the 2001 “Black Christmas” fires. This was even used for bulldozer access for cutting fire breaks for houses along Hepburn Road as well as my own home.
- 5) **This section of road also constitutes the only other alternative access besides the Great Western Highway, between Woodford and Hepburn Road/Linden.** There is considerable damage to a northern section of the Old Bathurst Road caused by Sydney Water when it cut a trench (unused) into the road for the water supply pipeline location. The road is still passable, however is in extremely poor condition. Via this submission I ask if this damage would please be repaired, with at least some sandstone filling so that the track is not quite so dangerous to attendant emergency personnel (and others) if needed by emergency service operations.

Yours faithfully

Peter Cork

P.S. I present with this submission addendum, a copy of Mr Colin Gibson’s 2007 submission to the same proposal. I do this with his permission. It should be regarded as another separate submission into this proposal please.