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Assessment Officer
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate
16 Challis Street
Dickson ACT 2602

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Impact Assessment Report Changes for Environmental Impact Statement
Exemption Application Request for Dudley Street Upgrade Project**

Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited (Umwelt) was engaged by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Government to undertake the following tasks to support the approvals process under the impact track of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* (ACT) (PD Act) for the Dudley Street Upgrade Project:

- Ecological assessment in 2017, targeting the ACT and Commonwealth listed threatened ecological communities and species (Umwelt, 2017a);
- Impact assessment in 2017, to determine the likelihood of significant impacts to matters protected under ACT and Commonwealth legislation (Umwelt, 2018a); and
- Preparation of an Offset Strategy in 2018, for any matters that will be significantly impacted by the proposed action (Umwelt, 2018b).

These reports have been prepared over a two year period and have guided the detailed design of the proposed Dudley Street upgrade and construction of a new access road (the Project).

Over this time, the Project design has changed in order to avoid and mitigate potential impacts to protected matters and to accommodate engineering and community requirements. As a result, there are some discrepancies in the numbers provided across these reports.

These discrepancies affect the following protected matters:

- Natural temperate grassland of the south eastern highlands (natural temperate grassland) an endangered ecological community; and
- Golden sun moth (*Synemon plana*), an endangered invertebrate species.

In relation to these two matters, the Offset Strategy (Umwelt, 2018b) provides the most up-to-date information and supersedes the information provided in the impact assessment (Umwelt, 2018a). The Offset Strategy does not change any of the

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conclusions made in the impact assessment report regarding the likelihood of a significant adverse impact occurring. Rather, the extent and types of impacts have changed, reflecting the changes to the Project area over this time.

The impact assessment (Umwelt, 2018a) remains current for all other ACT protected matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karina Carwardine'.

Karina Carwardine
Principal – Environmental Impact Assessment, ACT