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EPBC Act referral for Craigieburn Road Upgrade, Craigieburn, Victoria

Thank you for meeting with us on 4 June 2019 to discuss the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999* referral submission for Healesville-Koo Wee Rup and Craigieburn Road Upgrade.

Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV) appreciated this opportunity to seek your feedback on our approach. As discussed, the Craigieburn Road (split Mickleham Road) EBPC referral will be submitted on 21 June 2019.

As discussed, a large portion of the Craigieburn Road Upgrade, to the east of Mickleham Road, is covered under the Melbourne Strategic Assessment (MSA). Within the MSA, all impacts to EPBC listed Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) are to be accounted for by Habitat Compensation Obligations. Further to this, our investigations to the east of Mickleham Road, outside MSA areas, report no MNES, and specifically no suitable habitat for the Golden Sun Moth *Synemon plana*.

Suitable habitat for Golden Sun Moth has been identified on the Mickleham Road reserve (Attachment A), at the western end of the Craigieburn Road Upgrade. On this basis, MRPV is proposing to proceed with a split submission for Craigieburn Road West in accordance with Section 74A of the EPBC Act, due to the potential impacts to MNES, outside of BCS areas, only occurring on a small portion of the broader Project.

We look forward to working with you and thank for your consideration and time on this assessment.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dipal Sorathia".

Dipal Sorathia
Project Director
21/06/2019

Attachment A: Golden Sun Moth Habitat

