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Dear Ms Higginson *Sue,*

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the evidence I provided to Portfolio Committee No.7 – Planning and Environment during the Environment and Heritage hearing for Budget Estimates on 23 August 2022.

At the hearing the Hon Penny Sharpe MLC asked me a question about koala crossings to support the South-west Sydney koala population. I advised the following: “Just to clarify, crossings will be installed at Wilton and Greater Macarthur and then the underpasses will be done at Appin Road in two locations. So that may be the four that you're referencing.” (page 17 of the uncorrected transcript).

I wish to clarify this response. Koala exclusion fencing will be installed within the Wilton Growth Area and Macarthur Growth Area under the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan. As stated, underpasses will be installed in two locations at Appin Road. Please refer to the response to Transcript Question number 8 from the 23 August 2022 hearing for further details on koala crossings.

If you have any questions about this clarification, please do not hesitate to contact my office

Yours sincerely

Thank you Sue.

James Griffin MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage

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