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Dear Mr Lang

**TAFE NSW Construction Centre of Excellence (SSD-8571481) – Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the development application including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above ended on 14 April 2021. All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects).

In accordance with clause 85A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (EP&A Regulation), the Planning Secretary requires the Applicant to respond to all issues raised in these submissions and government agency advice, and where necessary, technical supporting documents must be revised.

The Department requires that you provide a response to the issues raised in those submissions. The Department has identified the key issues as relating to matters including:

- traffic, parking and transport.
- aboriginal cultural heritage.
- design evolution.

Further details on these concerns are also presented in **Attachment 1**.

Please note that the NSW EPA, the Nature Conservation Council and Jemena have yet to provide comments in relation to the application. Further responses will be forward upon receipt.

Note that under clause 113(7) of the EP&A Regulation, the days occurring between the date of this letter and the date on which your response to submissions is received by the Secretary are not included in the deemed refusal period.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Stringer on 9995 5531 or via email at [nathan.stringer@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nathan.stringer@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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**as delegate for the Planning Secretary**

Attached: Key Issues

## **Attachment 1 – Key Issues:**

### Traffic, parking and transport:

Concerns are raised regarding the traffic including the appropriateness of the traffic model used to inform the Traffic Impact Assessment and of the proposal's impact on the performance of the Great Western Highway (GWH) / O'Connell Street intersection. The Department requires you to address these concerns, including but not limited to the provision of:

- an updated traffic model to reflect a consistent cycletime of 120s at the GWH / O'Connell and French Street intersection.
- detailed mitigation measures should queuing exceed the length of the right turn bay GWH / O'Connell Street, and any mitigation measures required to improve LOS to an acceptable level.
- modelling of the GWH / Western Sydney University intersection, demonstrating the results of the intersection performance during each stage of construction work.
- additional evidence to demonstrate that the swept paths of construction vehicles can be achieved without crossing the centreline of O'Connell Street and other internal roads.

The Department also notes Council's concerns that the proposal does not provide sufficient on-site car parking when existing parking rates are applied to the proposal, compounded by TfNSW's comments regarding a lack of adequate information provided within the Green Travel Plan (GTP). Please provide the following:

- further justification and details regarding the target driver modal split of 70 per cent for the 2030 scenario.
- a revised GTP to provide clear actions with timeframes for how each initiative would be implemented to achieve mode shift targets.
- consideration of additional actions to ensure the mode shift targets are achieved.
- additional information regarding the capacity/usage of the existing north/central campus carpark (west of the pond), and proposed methods of improving connections between the carpark and the proposed building site, if any. Note: this carpark appeared to be somewhat under-utilised during a Department officer visit to the site.

### Aboriginal cultural heritage

The Department notes that the Interim Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) provided does not adequately address the project SEARs. A finalised ACHAR which addresses the SEARs must accompany the Response to Submissions.

### Design evolution

The Department notes that the proposed development is currently subject to the State Design Review Panel (SDRP) process run by the Government Architect New South Wales (GANSW). The third SDRP meeting was held on Wednesday 14 April 2021. The Department requests that you address any outstanding issues raised by GANSW during the SDRP process and identify where the design of the development has been amended in response to these issues, if applicable.