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Dear Mr Sinclair

**University of Newcastle STEMM Building (SSD-9832)
Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the development application including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal ended on Wednesday 8 April 2020. 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.

The Department requires that you provide a response to the issues raised in those submissions, in accordance with clause 85A(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. Please provide a response to the issues raised in these submissions by **Friday 5 June 2020**.

Please be advised that RFS intend to provide their submission shortly and the Department will forward the submission to you once it is received. The Department has also undertaken a preliminary assessment of the EIS and, in addition to the issues raised in agency submissions, requires the matters at **Attachment 1** be addressed in full.

Note that under clause 113(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, 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 Ingrid Berzins, who can be contacted on 9373 2885/ at ingrid.berzins@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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as delegate for the Planning Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

Biodiversity and Landscaping

- provide Appendix D of the BDAR (Biodiversity Credit report).
- provide clarification of the number and location of existing trees and those being proposed for removal as the tree plan submitted (Appendix L pg. 8) does not match documentation presented to the State Design Review Panel.

Operational

- provide the total net loss of existing disciplines and faculties as a result of the separate demolition works to accommodate this proposal.
- provide the number of staff and students in the buildings proposed for removal (under separate approval) and confirm where in the new STEMM Building they will be accommodated, as well as any increase to this number and whether there are staff and students relocating from elsewhere within the campus.
- provide confirmation on the number of available car spaces within the small parking area off McMullian Lane proposed for retention.

Construction

- provide the expected construction completion date, including the worst case scenario.