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RE: State Significant Development Application SSD-59020210 at 12-16 Margaret Street, Strathfield (Meriden School Aquatic Centre)

Thank you for notifying Sydney Water of SSD-59020210 at 12-16 Margaret Street, Strathfield, which proposes the demolition of existing structures, and the construction of an aquatic centre building with a 25m x 30m swimming pool, staff and student amenities, and landscaping works. Sydney Water has reviewed the application based on the information supplied and provides the following Sydney Water requirements to assist in understanding the servicing needs of the proposed development.

Water and Wastewater Servicing

- Our preliminary assessment indicates that water and wastewater servicing should be available for the proposed development.
- Amplifications, adjustments, deviations and/or minor extensions may be required.
- Detailed requirements will be provided at the Section 73 application stage.

Next steps

- Should the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) decide to progress with the subject development application, Sydney Water would require the following conditions be included in the development consent.
 - Section 73 Compliance Certificate
 - Building Plan ApprovalFurther details of the conditions can be found in Attachment 1.
- The Department is advised to forward the enclosed Sydney Water Development Application Information Sheet (for proponent) to assist the proponent in progressing their development. This Info Sheet contains details on how to make further applications to Sydney Water and provides more information on Infrastructure Contributions.

This advice is not formal approval of our servicing requirements. Detailed requirements, including any potential extensions or amplifications, will be provided once the development is referred to Sydney Water for a Section 73 application. More information about the Section 73 application process is available on our web page in the [Land Development Manual](#).

Available capacity may change over time depending on the rate of development and increase demand elsewhere in the potable water and wastewater catchments. Sydney Water does not reserve capacity pre-development, and it is advised that the proponent applies directly to Sydney Water as soon as possible.

The Department can read further advice on requirements for this proposal in Attachment 1. Should the Department require further information, please contact Fiona Feng from the Growth Analytics Team at urbangrowth@sydneywater.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosed:

- Sydney Water Development Application Information Sheet (for proponent)



Attachment 1 – Recommended Development Conditions

Prior to the issue of an Occupation/Subdivision Certificate:

Section 73 Compliance Certificate

A compliance certificate must be obtained from Sydney Water, under Section 73 of the Sydney Water Act 1994. Our assessment will determine the availability of water and wastewater services, which may require extensions, adjustments, or connections to our mains. Make an early application for the certificate, as there may be assets to be built and this can take some time. A Section 73 Compliance Certificate must be obtained before an Occupation or Subdivision Certificate will be issued.

Applications can be made either directly to Sydney Water or through a Sydney Water accredited Water Servicing Coordinator.

Go to the Sydney Water website or call 1300 082 746 to learn more about applying through an authorised WSC or Sydney Water.

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate/Complying Development Certificate:

Building Plan Approval (including Tree Planting Guidelines)

The plans must be approved by Sydney Water prior to demolition, excavation or construction works commencing. This allows Sydney Water to determine if sewer, water or stormwater mains or easements will be affected by any part of your development. Any amendments to plans will require re-approval. Please go to [Sydney Water Tap in®](#) to apply.

Sydney Water recommends developers apply for a Building Plan Approval early as to reduce unnecessary delays to further referrals or development timescales.

Tree Planting

Certain tree species placed in proximity to Sydney Water's underground assets have the potential to inflict damage through invasive root penetration and soil destabilisation. Section 46 of the Sydney Water Act specifies what might occur when there is interference or damage to our assets caused by trees.

For any trees proposed or planted that may cause destruction of, damage to or interference with our work and are in breach of the Sydney Water Act 1994, Sydney Water may issue an order to remove that tree or directly remove it and seek recovery for all loss and associated compensation for the removal.

For guidance on types of trees that can cause damage or interference with our assets see Sydney Water webpage Wastewater blockages. For guidance on how to plant trees near our assets, see Diagram 5 – Planting Trees within Sydney Water's [Technical guidelines – Building over and adjacent to pipe assets](#).

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