



Mr Sam Haddad
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Dear Mr Haddad

**Subject: Determination of the Sydney University, Abercrombie Precinct Project,
Darlington, City of Sydney LGA**

I refer to your Acting Deputy Director-General's letter of 3 October 2012 referring the above project to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination under Ministerial delegation of 14 September 2011.

Ms Gabrielle Kibble AO and I constituted the Commission for the project. I chaired the Commission.

Attached is a copy of the Commission's determination report for your information. The Commission determined that the project should be approved, subject to some amendments to the Department's recommended conditions. The Commission had particular difficulty in assessing a fair approach to developer contributions, particularly given that levies have not been consistently applied. The Commission considers that the development of a policy regarding the application of developer contributions to universities would be of great assistance both to the Universities and to decision makers.

The signed instrument of approval and file (S07/01945-1) are returned herewith.

Yours sincerely

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