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Department of Planning
Attention: Michael File, Director, Strategic Assessment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir,

**Re: Cochlear Global Headquarters
Response to DECC comments on Flooding**

Costin Roe Consulting have previously completed a flood review of previous flood studies and completed modelling of the catchment area surrounding the proposed development.

The results of the review and modelling indicate that the 100 year ARI flood level adjacent to the proposed development to be RL58.20.

The proposed development is located well above these predicted flood levels with the basement B1 level to be FFL59.25. The development has adequate freeboard to limit any detrimental effects of flooding.

Costin Roe Consulting have undertaken the design of the proposed development in accordance with the NSW State Government Flood Prone Land Policy and Ryde City Council's floodplain management plan.

Yours faithfully,
COSTIN ROE CONSULTING PTY LTD



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Director