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Mr Greg Newton
Newcastle City Council
282 King Street
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Dear Sir,

RE: HMRI - URBAN DESIGN CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Thank you for providing HMRI with the Minutes from our UDCG briefing meeting with you on 15 July 2009.

I have been asked to point out to you that HMRI has some concerns about the record of the meeting as it stands. The four representatives from HMRI do not recall the comments in the third paragraph being expressed in those terms during the meeting.

HMRI understands the subjective nature of architectural design but is concerned that the descriptions of the building are somewhat contradictory when the building is firstly described as "bland and anonymous" and then "alien to the natural bushland setting".

HMRI has professional concerns about adding a "green" roof to the building, given the need for absolute sterile conditions inside most of the building. The cost of constructing and maintaining a "green" roof and the weight considerations imposed by the MSB may prohibit HMRI considering this option.

We welcomed the UDCG's remarks about the approach road and car park and have subsequently redesigned this area to be more sympathetic to the surrounding bushland setting.

HMRI appreciates the UDCG's interest in our project.

Yours sincerely

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