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Dear Mr Devine

**Response to Submission comments for SCEGGS Darlinghurst - Mod 3
(SSD-8993-Mod-3)**

Thank you for your referral dated 7 March 2022 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW for the 4.55 Modification on the above State Significant Development (SSD) Response to Submissions.

The broader SCEGGS Darlinghurst campus includes the State Heritage Register (SHR) listed item, St. Peter's Church and Precinct (SHR No.00148). The SSD development site is not located within the SHR curtilage, however, it is in the immediate vicinity of the item, separated by a street (St Peters Street). The site is also identified as a local heritage item, 'Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School Group including Barham, Church Building and Wilkinson House and their interiors and grounds' and is located within the East Sydney Heritage Conservation Area and adjacent to a number of local heritage items.

It is noted Development Consent was not granted for Stage 1 works for the demolition of existing Wilkinson House, excavation of a basement and construction of a new 4 storey building for general school purposes. The Concept Approval only included the existing building envelope of the Wilkinson House.

This modification has been submitted in concurrence with a separate application that details additions and alterations to the existing Wilkinson House building proposing its adaptive reuse. The concurrent application retains the external façades and the internal entrance foyer and lounge hall; reconstructs the mansard roof; introduces new floor plates internally including extension of the basement and proposed a new lift core set back from Forbes Street. The proposed modifications related to Wilkinson House in this concept application are limited to minor roof height increase (of 330mm), additional envelope extension to the southern elevation to accommodate the lift core which do not impact the views to and from the SHR listed site in its vicinity.

Additional works proposed within this amendment include minor amendments to the building envelope of the Joan Freeman building to accommodate a roof plant to facilitate the additional services required for the upgraded Wilkinson House. The documentation indicates that these works would also not have any impact upon the heritage significance of the SHR listed item in the vicinity.

Previously recommended Conditions related to historical archaeology are still considered appropriate for inclusion in any Conditions of Approval for works at this site.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Mariyam Nizam, Senior Assessments Officer, at Heritage NSW on or Mariyam.Nizam@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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