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**Your reference:** SSD-7610-MOD 6

**Subject:** City of Sydney Submission to Modification Report

Thank you for your correspondence dated 23 February 2024 inviting the City of Sydney Council (the City) to comment on the modification application for the Inner Sydney High School.

The modification application seeks consent for the following:

- Use of the lighting installed to the eastern, northern and western facade of the school tower building, with the following restrictions:
  - ◊ Limit the light intensity to a maximum of 6 lux from 12pm (noon) until 10:00pm
  - ◊ Limit the light intensity to a maximum of 1 lux after 10:00pm
  - ◊ Limit the use of the lighting to a maximum of 80 days per annum.

The City has reviewed the modification application and generally supports the use of the lighting to promote civic events and celebrations, however, raises several concerns with the proposed regulation of the lighting given the potential to cause unnecessary or unreasonable impacts to the amenity of surrounding residents.

The need to utilise the lighting beyond the dusk and early evening period is questioned, particularly given the nature of the building being a school and the immediate context of residential flat buildings to the east. It is recommended that the curfew period be brought forward and the lighting turned off after curfew. Consideration should also be given to lowering the maximum lux level earlier than the curfew period. The number of occasions, proposed at 80 per year, is also considered excessive and should be reduced to more closely align with the outlined calendar of events to ensure the lighting is only used to mark significant civic events and celebrations.

Should consent be granted, only a time limited consent should be given, which should in the first instance should begin with a trial period. A time limited consent would ensure that there is adequate opportunity in the future to review the consent should issues arise or the surrounding context continue to change.

Additionally, suitable conditions should be imposed to regulate the lighting to minimise its potential impacts:

- Ensure lighting is static with no strobing, pulsing, flashing or rapid colour changes
- Establish a complaints register, to assist in identify whether the ongoing use of the lighting is having deleterious affect on the amenity of surrounding neighbourhood.
- Ensure that any lighting that is approved is able to be dimmed if complaints arise.

Please contact Michael Stephens on ph: 02 9265 9333 if you need to discuss your request.



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