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Via NSW Major Projects

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Dear Dimitri,

Environmental Impact Assessment for State Significant Development SSD-56264716 Malek Fahd Islamic School Expansion

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) for the State Significant Development (SSD-56264716) Malek Fahd Islamic School Expansion, 20 Mungerie Road, Beaumont Hills. It is understood that the proposed development seeks to expand and update the school to accommodate up to 1,300 students (Kindergarten to Year 12), up to 40 children for the Early Learning Centre and a total of 131 staff. Proposed works include:

- Site preparation works including earthworks and tree clearing.
- Infrastructure comprising civil works and utilities servicing.
- Demolition of the existing primary school buildings within the western portion of the subject site.
- Reconfiguration of the existing secondary school building at the eastern portion of the site.
- Construction of new school buildings including:
 - A two-storey primary School at the western portion of the subject site.
 - Two-storey secondary school buildings at the eastern portion of the site.
 - A single storey multi-purpose hall, incorporating a mezzanine level, at the southern portion of the site.
 - A two-storey administration/canteen building at the southern portion of the site.
 - A three-storey prayer hall, inclusive of ablution areas, at the centre of the site.
 - A two-storey library at the centre of the site.
- Construction of new service access road from Mungerie Road along the northern boundary with new entry/exit.

- Construction of a new internal access road, basement/lower ground car parking area comprising 147 spaces, loading dock and reconfiguration of the existing at grade car parking areas at the front of the site comprising 40 spaces.

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is the agency responsible for dealing with floods, storms and tsunamis in NSW. This role includes, planning for, responding to and coordinating the initial recovery from floods. As such, the NSW SES has an interest in the public safety aspects of the development of flood prone land, particularly the potential for changes to land use to either exacerbate existing flood risk or create new flood risk for communities in NSW.

The NSW SES recommends that consideration of flooding issues is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of NSW Government's Flood Prone Land Policy as set out in the [Flood Risk Management Manual](#) 2023 (the Manual) and supporting guidelines, including the [Support for Emergency Management Planning](#) and relevant planning directions and circulars relating to the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*.

In summary we:

- **Note** the site is located on a ridge line and is affected by only minor overland flow¹.
- **Recommend** pursuing site design and stormwater management that reduces the impact of flooding and minimises any risk to the community. Any improvements that can be made to reduce flood risk will benefit the community.
- **Recommend** ensuring any accessible on-site stormwater management measures, such as the proposed detention tanks, are adequately fenced and/or signposted to ensure site users are aware of the risk.

You may also find the following Guidelines available on the NSW SES website useful:

- [Reducing Vulnerability of Buildings to Flood Damage](#)

Please feel free to contact Kate Dawes via email at rra@ses.nsw.gov.au should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this correspondence. The NSW SES would also be interested in receiving future correspondence regarding the outcome of this referral via this email address.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ Stantec, 2024, Flood Risk Assessment, Section 5. Existing Flooding – Upstream Catchment Analysis, Page 11