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Dear Ms Dickson

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-931), requesting the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) input on the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the adaptive reuse of the 'Sirius Building' at 2-60 Cumberland Street, The Rocks, Sydney (SSD-10384) (the proposal).

The EPA understands that the proposal is for:

- Alterations and additions to the Sirius building
- Construction of a through-site link between Cumberland Street and Gloucester Walk
- Associated works including minor demolition and landscaping

Based on the information provided, the proposal does not require an Environment Protection Licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. The proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a NSW public authority, and the EPA is not the appropriate regulatory authority for the proposal.

While the EPA does not wish to be consulted, we recommend that in addition to the requirements of the Draft SEARS, the EIS should include details of how the proponent will ensure that any seepage waters from basement or underground car parking areas is undertaken in a manner that will prevent pollution of waters. Consideration should be given to waterproofing or "Tanking" all basement levels likely to interfere with an aquifer, to prevent the need for treatment and discharge of groundwater.

The EPA has no further comments on the proposal or the draft SEARs provided in relation to the proposal.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter please contact Mr Mark Hanemann on 9995 6845 or via email at mark.hanemann@epa.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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