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To: Karen Harragon Director, Social and Infrastructure Assessments

Glenwood High School Upgrade (SSD-23512960) Response to Request for Further Information

Dear Karen,

This response has been prepared by Architectus Australia Pty Ltd to a Request for Further Information (RFI) from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) regarding the proposed Glenwood High School Upgrade under State Significant Development Application SSD-23512960.

On 25 May 2022, DPE issued an RFI requesting a revised preliminary Flood and Emergency Management Plan (FEMP) addressing the comments raised in the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) comments relating to the Applicant's preliminary FEMP dated 12 April 2022. DPE also recommended the Applicant consult with the SES further in the preparation of the revised preliminary FEMP.

## Response

A revised preliminary FEMP has been prepared by enstruct which responds to the comments raised by the SES and is appended to this letter. The FEMP was revised following a meeting held with the SES on 31 May 2022 to discuss their comments in further detail.

In summary, the primary strategy of the revised preliminary FEMP is to ensure that the school would be closed prior to the impact of flooding and before the start of the school day. However, in the unlikely event that the school is in operation during a Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) flood event, the proposed contingency will be to walk out of areas at risk of flooding via safe routes.

Furthermore, an elevated walkway to the remainder of the school from the upper levels of buildings is not required. As only the northern end of the proposed building is within flood prone land, users will have flood free access to the southern end of the building from the northern end of the building via Level 1 (if required) and then to the designated assembly point from there.

Section 7 of the FEMP has been updated to reflect this strategy. It also includes amendments to Sections 3 and 8 as requested by the SES.

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We trust that the revised preliminary FEMP adequately addresses the comments raised by SES, thereby enabling DPE to finalise their assessment in regard to managing flood risks for SSD-23512960.

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