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Dear Mr Lewis

**New Wee Waa High School (SSD-21854025)  
Request for additional information**

I refer to the Department of Planning and Environment's (Department) Request for Information (RFI) dated 29 April 2022 and the Supplementary Response to Submissions (SRtS) received 30 June 2022 in response to the RFI. The Department has reviewed the SRtS and referred it to Narrabri Shire Council (Council) and the Department's Biodiversity, Conservation and Science (BCS) Directorate.

The Department requires additional information that effectively addresses the issues detailed in **Attachment 1**. Council's and BCS' comments on the SRtS are provided in **Attachment 2**.

The Department has previously advised the Department of Education that early consultation with SES is required for flood affected school sites and an appropriate flood emergency evacuation strategy is agreed to prior to determination. As such, in the RFI letter (dated 9 April 2022), the Department requested that a Flood Emergency Management Plan, prepared in consultation with SES and Council, be submitted.

The Department notes that the requested Flood Emergency Management Plan has not been submitted with the SRtS. Consequently, the Department has referred the application to the SES. Please be advised that the Department is not in a position to issue draft conditions until the SES advice is received (provided the advice does not raise significant issues requiring additional information).

Please provide the information, or notify us that the information will not be provided, by Thursday **28 July 2022**. If you cannot meet this deadline, please provide and commit to an alternative timeframe for providing this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Tuong Vi Doan, on (02) 9995 6706 or at [Tuongvi.Doan@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Tuongvi.Doan@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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Attached:

Attachment 1 – Key Issues

Attachment 2 – Council and BCS comments on RFI response

Attachment 3 – Figure of the on site drainage and flooding works

## **Attachment 1 – Key issues**

### **1. Part 5 works**

Council raised a number of concerns regarding flooding / drainage infrastructure. The SRtS has suggested amendments and mitigation measures to address these concerns. However, it appears that Council's concerns may be directed at the works and mitigation measures that comprise the separate Part 5 works which are located both on and off the site. It is noted that there has been a considerable amount of overlap in the documentation provided to date between what is proposed under Part 5 and what is proposed as part of this SSD application. The Department therefore requests the following:

- a) Specify what drainage and flooding works that specifically form part of the SSD application. The Department has reviewed the civil drawings and it appears that only two channels are proposed on the site together with stormwater pipe infrastructure. Attachment 3 highlights what appears to be proposed as part of this application. Please review this and confirm / clarify.
- b) In the RtS and SRtS, in response to Council's comments, detailed information relating to flood infrastructure blockage, debris control devices, access prevention and flood channel and school fencing was provided. From the Department's review of this information, it appears as though this relates to the Part 5 works flood channels on and off the site (except for school fencing and flood signage). Please confirm if this is the case (also referring to what is proposed as detailed in point (a) above).
- c) If the above response forms part of the Part 5 works, confirm how you are intending to address Council's concerns – has or will the Part 5 approval be amended? Or does it propose separate works as part of this SSD application or other mechanism?

### **2. Underground pipe**

The SRtS Architectural drawing SSD1102B shows a proposed 'underground pipe' connecting the northern and southern boundaries of the site (next to the covered court). However, this appears to be shown as existing (not proposed) in the SRtS Civil drawings C3.01-1, C3.10-1 and C6.04-1. Confirmation is sought if whether the underground pipe forms part of this application.

### **3. Outstanding BCS comments**

Address all BCS' comments (Attachment 2) on outstanding issues.

### **4. Outstanding Council comments**

Address/resolve Council's comments (Attachment 2) on outstanding issues, particularly the following:

- a) kerb, gutter and footpath works

- b) security fencing and boundary interfaces
- c) flooding (the Department will forward any additional flooding comments once received)
- d) water quality and supply.