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Mr Sam Haddad
Director General
NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge Street
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Dear Mr Haddad

**RE: THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF NANOSCIENCE
REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR GENERALS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
REQUIREMENTS**

The University of Sydney has been successful in securing funding for the Australian Institute of Nanoscience. This initiative, which is based on a joint funding agreement with the Commonwealth Government, will see the development of a world class research and teaching facility within the Camperdown Campus of Sydney University. This development is essential to maintenance of the international reputation of the University of Sydney and New South Wales, and to continue to be able to attract high calibre staff and students from around the world.

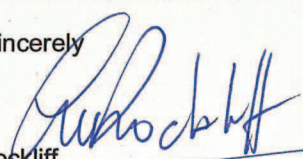
As described in the attached report, the capital cost of the proposed development is approximately \$75 million. The Institute will be housed in a building comprising high quality laboratory space, research facilities and offices, and lecture and teaching rooms for over 200 research staff and postgraduate students.

In Schedule 1 of State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 educational establishments (including research facilities) that have a capital investment value of more than \$30m are declared to be State significant development (SSD) for the purposes of the Act.

The purpose of this letter is to request the Director General's Requirements (DGRs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed development. Enclosed is a completed SSD Application Form and a report which provides an overview of the proposed development, the statutory context and identifies the primary environmental and planning issues associated with the proposal.

I trust that the information provided is sufficient for you to issue the DGRs for the proposed development. Should you or officers of your Department have any queries in relation to this request please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely


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