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Dear David

RE: s96 Application for the University of Sydney Australian Institute of Nanoscience (AIN) building (SSD 5087 MOD 1)

Thank you for your letter dated 8 August 2014 notifying us of the proposal to modify the above mentioned State Significant Development SSD 5087.

It is noted that the proposed s96 modification seeks the following:

- To modify the building facade to utilise a single glazed curtain wall system.
- Install a rooftop observatory.
- Convert a window in the adjoining Physics building into a door to further improve access between the buildings

The following comments are provided on the proposed modification for your consideration:

Building Facade Treatment

The proposed modified facade treatment continues to provide a modern contemporary appearance, which is clearly distinct from, but not incompatible with, the exterior of the neighbouring heritage listed Physics building. No objection is raised to the proposed change in facade treatment.

Rooftop Observatory

The scale of the observatory sits below the height of the flanking roof elements, and is centrally located between them to retain the important alignment with the Wilkinson axis. No objection is raised to the observatory.

Window Conversion

The conversion is considered minor and the design plan has been carefully considered, including the necessary detail to ensure that the existing sill is carefully removed and that the doorway retains the existing window width and detailing consistent with the remainder of the building. No objection is raised to the window conversion to a door.

If you would like to speak to an officer about the above, please contact Alistair Smith, Senior Planner on 9265 9112 or e-mail asmith1@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Jahn', with a large, stylized initial 'G'.

Graham Jahn AM
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