

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING QUESTIONS FOLLOWING TEST OF ADEQUACY REVIEW

GENERAL

- The EIS states the project will generate 150 ongoing operational jobs but also concludes the ICoE will only generate 110 new users (90 out of which are staff members). Please confirm the number of users at the ICoE (including a breakdown of any existing and new staff, students and visitors) that the development is expected to accommodate.
- provide further operational details of the development in the EIS to confirm:
 - WSU's existing operating hours and the ICoE's proposed operating hours,
 - details of the proposed activities, including the operation of day, night, and weekend events
 - details of the development's general operation, including the operation of the food and drink premises (café) at the ground level
 - amenities provided within the development
 - any specific operational procedures on site
 - details of any proposed community use and access

DRAFT UNIVERSITY RESPONSE

GENERAL

The Indigenous Centre of Excellence will operate in accordance with Western Sydney University's existing operating procedures for the Parramatta South campus. Western Sydney University is in the process of developing a building specific operational plan for the Indigenous Centre of Excellence.

The facility will operate in accordance with the current operating hours of the Parramatta South campus, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The operating hours will be between 8:00am – 10:00pm Monday to Sunday, after which spaces can be accessed by staff and students via access card. In accordance with the University's operating protocols, the building will be continually monitored by the Campus Safety and Security team based at the Parramatta South campus.

The ground floor of the building is the primary public and community space, including a community and arrival space, care spaces, discovery space, art and exhibition spaces, cinema, and performance theatre. The ground floor will be serviced by a café which will serve food items that do not require cooking at the café premises.

Amenities include bathrooms, end of trip facilities, changerooms and cloaking area.

The first floor includes teaching and learning spaces, and an Indigenous library. The second floor includes academic offices and student centre. The roof space includes teaching and learning space and a multipurpose sports court. These spaces will be available to University staff and students, with the Indigenous Library available to the public during core operating hours.



Events will take place within all spaces on the ground floor (except for the care spaces) and will also occur at the rooftop multipurpose sports court. Events will typically take place during University operating hours from Monday to Sunday between 8:00am to 10:00pm. The performance theatre will have the capacity to hold 350 people at seated dining events. The Parramatta South campus has the capacity to hold and manage large events such as student orientation week and multiple graduations. The events that will take place in the Indigenous Centre of Excellence building will be supported by the capacity and protocols the University currently deploys in staging large events on the Parramatta South campus.

At full capacity, the Indigenous Centre of Excellence will accommodate 1,683 people. However, on a typical day it is estimated to accommodate 837 users. Approximately 110 of these will be additional users external to the University. The remaining 727 consists of existing students, staff and visitors who would already attend the campus. This number will increase during events and will vary dependant on the type and number of events held.

The facility will accommodate an estimated 60 staff members that will be based in the building. An additional estimated 30 staff members will use the facility but will be based in other buildings and campuses, taking the total staff within the building to 90 people. The Indigenous Centre of Excellence is expected to generate a total of 150 ongoing jobs during the operational phase, including staff, contractors, teaching and events staff.