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Ms Carolyn McNally

Secretary

Department of Planning and Environment

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SYDNEY NSW 2000

Attention: Chris Wilson, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Industry Assessments

Dear Secretary

**Request for SEARs – Extension of the F07 Carslaw Building,
Camperdown Campus**

In accordance with clause 3 & Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 2000* (the Regulations), and clause 15 & Schedule 1 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (State & Regional Development) 2011* (the SRD SEPP), The University of Sydney (the University) is seeking the Department of Planning's Secretary:

1. confirmation that the proposed extension of the Carslaw Building qualifies as State Significant Development Application (SSD);
2. Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) in the preparation of SSD documentation and EIS report; and
3. agreement to waiver certain standard SEAR requirements for documentation typically associated with *educational establishment* projects, for this particular project.

The development site is located on the southern boundary of the Camperdown campus, fronting City Road north, east of the campus' pedestrianised Eastern Avenue, and west of Barff Road and Victoria Park.

The proposal is for the physical extension of the F07 Carslaw Building on the Camperdown campus and associated campus domain works. This building extension will relocate and consolidate the School of Molecular Biology and School of Biological Sciences to the Carslaw site and within the Faculty of Science.

The works also incorporate alterations to, and extension of, the City Road footbridge. These works are strictly limited to the University's land (campus domain) and will produce an elegant and lightweight upper level connection to the Carslaw Building extension and to Eastern Avenue for direct and continuous pedestrian access.

The anticipated cost of the project work is valued at \$66,900,000 and an independent QS report accompanies this application. The University understands that the capital investment value brings this project squarely within the definition of "Educational establishments" under Schedule 1, Clause 15 of the *SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011* which defines State Significant Development as "*development for the purpose of educational establishments (including associated research facilities) that has a capital investment value of more than \$30 million.*"



As you are aware, the Minister for Planning approved the University's Concept Campus Improvement Program (SSD13_6123) on 16 February 2015. This current project for the extension to the F07 Carslaw Building was not included within any CIP precinct as it constitutes an individual development site, and is not a precinct requiring broader building envelopes.

The CIP consent condition A4 does not preclude additional development outside the identified CIP precincts. This process was discussed and confirmed with the Department's project assessments team. Furthermore, this SSD project will address and confirm that the proposed works will not be inconsistent with the Concept CIP approval (SSD 13_6123) and will satisfy the requirements of S83(D) 'Status of staged development applications and consents' of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

The University seeks to continue its productive, working relationship with the NSW Government in implementing the University's Campus Improvement Program through World Class educational establishment facilities and associated infrastructure.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any clarification or with any queries.

The University's officer in this matter is Stephane Kerr, Projector Director CIP who can be contacted on 9351-3128, or by email: stephane.kerr@sydney.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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