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Dear Paul,

Re: Response to CPTED matters for the State Significant Development (SSD 15_7237) for Arthur Phillip High School and Parramatta Public School

This letter has been prepared to provide a response to the submissions relating to CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) matters relating to the State Significant Development (SSD 15_7237) for Arthur Phillip High School (APHS) and Parramatta Public School (PPS) located at 80-100 Macquarie Street and 175 Macquarie Street, Parramatta (respectively). The SSD application proposes the redevelopment of the schools and involves the creation of new teaching and learning spaces, alterations and additions to existing facilities and associated demolition and landscape works.

Two submissions have been received regarding CPTED matters along the boundary with the Lancer Barracks which are detailed below:

1. Submission from Department of Defence:

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

In regards to security concerns associated with the proposed development in close proximity to Lancer Barracks, the Defence suggests that the applicant incorporates CPTED measures into the design of the proposed development and these measures are implemented throughout the built form to minimise opportunities for criminal activity.

2. Public submission – 74 Honiton Avenue, Carlingford

Safety of the Lancer Barracks

The neighbor raised concerns that there will be a higher number of pedestrians in area which will impact upon the safety of the Lancer Barracks. In particular, the neighbor raised concerns about the pathway linking Little Street and Smith Street which will be exposed at times. The neighbour also raised concerns about vandalism.

The proposed scheme implements the principles of CPTED, as identified in the Department of Planning and Environment guideline Crime Prevention and the Assessment of Development Applications. Below is an assessment of the CPTED principles that have been incorporated

into the scheme to minimise safety concerns along the southern boundary of the PPS site where the through site link is proposed with the Lancer Barracks.

Principle 1: Natural Surveillance

As noted in Crime Prevention and the Assessment of Development Applications, good surveillance means that people can observe the actions of others. People feel safe in public areas when they can easily see and interact with others. Potential offenders are often deterred from committing crime in areas with high levels of surveillance.

In accordance with this principle, the development provides for good natural surveillance opportunities to the Lancer Barracks. The PPS site currently has buildings along its southern elevation which restricts passive surveillance to Lancer Barracks. The proposal seeks to remove these buildings and replace them with active play areas and a through site link from Smith Street to Little Street. The active play areas and through site link will create further passive surveillance opportunities to the Lancer Barracks than at present.

The proposed through site link will provide clear sightlines and will not provide opportunities for hiding places for offenders to hide or entrap victims. The proposed landscaping and fencing which is open, promotes passive surveillance into Lancer Barracks from the school grounds.

Principle 2: Access Control

Access controls use physical and symbolic barriers to attract, channel or restrict the movement of pedestrians. As noted in Crime Prevention and the Assessment of Development Applications, effective access controls make it clear where people are permitted to go or not go, and makes it difficult for potential offenders to reach and victimize people and damage property. Also, illegible boundary markers provide excuses for being in restricted areas.

The proposed landscaping and fencing along the southern boundary of the PPS site clearly delineates between the school and through site link while some of the Lancer Barrack buildings define the boundary with the school site. The entry of the through site link will be clearly visible from Smith Street and Little Street and the through site link will be open to the public.

Principle 3: Territorial Reinforcement

Territorial reinforcement refers to the clear identification of public spaces and the creation of a sense of community ownership over these spaces. As noted in Crime Prevention and the Assessment of Development Applications, people feel comfortable in, and are more likely to visit, places that feel owned and cared for. Well-used places also reduce opportunities for crime and increase risk to criminals.

The proposed landscaping and perimeter fencing along the southern boundary of the PPS site clearly identifies the school site and the through site link. Being a sensitive use, it is important that the school maintains effective barriers to prevent unlawful entry, such as fencing, whilst at the same time maintaining good urban amenity.

Principle 4: Space Management

Space management refers to providing attractive, well maintained and well used spaces. As noted in Crime Prevention and the Assessment of Development Applications, space

management strategies include site cleanliness, rapid repair of vandalism and graffiti and the removal of damaged physical elements.

The landscaping and palisade fencing will prevent vandalism and graffiti while the through site link area will require minimal maintenance. The continued maintenance of the southern elevation of the PPS will ensure that it does not become degraded and will ensure that vandalism of the property is strongly discouraged. Furthermore the school and Department of Education will ensure that a robust maintenance regime is in place for long term building durability and to ensure any required repairs are expeditiously addressed.

In conclusion, the proposed palisade fencing, landscaping and through site link along the southern boundary of the PPS site will encourage passive surveillance while it will clearly define the public and private realm and therefore will not impact upon the safety and security of the Lancer Barracks. Please let me know if you have any issues regarding these matters, I can be contacted on (02) 8667 8668 or lmcmahon@mecone.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lauren McMahon', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lauren McMahon