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Dear Mr Gibson

RE: Ballina High School Redevelopment (SSD 7742) Notice of Exhibition

I refer to your letter dated 13 December 2016 inviting comment on the above State Significant Development proposal for the redevelopment of Ballina High School including:

- Demolition of the majority of existing Ballina High School buildings on site;
- Retention of the existing Marine Discovery Centre, Aquaculture building, existing sports courts and existing building to be used for future Agriculture;
- Construction of a new purpose built high school to cater for 1000 students, varying in height up to three storeys and including a new outdoor sports court;
- Construction of a new vehicular entry off Swift Street with loading zone and support drop-off zone;
- Construction of associated stormwater management system, services and landscaping; and
- Removal of existing 32 space sealed carpark to make way for future development options.

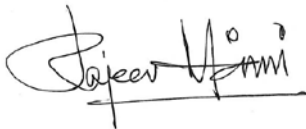
The following comments are provided:

- The near total loss of the first school building constructed in 1931 to house the Ballina Intermediate High School, a locally listed item identified as 'Block M' is regretted. However, it is understood that the proposal will not physically impact any State Heritage Register (SHR) items, or places identified of state heritage significance. Also the works are unlikely to impact on significant views to and from the SHR item in the vicinity known as *Brundah* (SHR 00194).

- Interpretation of the remnants of Block 'M' in the landscape design for the site is supported. It is recommended that this work be required to be completed as part of the project prior to the occupation certificate being issued.
- The Archaeological Risk Assessment for the site, prepared by Umwelt, dated 22 October 2015, concludes that there is very minor potential for significant archaeology and proposes management strategies in the event archaeological 'relics' are discovered, Aboriginal archaeological material is uncovered, or a burial site is exposed.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact James Quoye, Heritage Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at e-mail: james.quoye@environment.nsw.gov.au or on telephone: 9873 8612.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rajeev Maini', with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

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As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council
23 January 2017