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**Letter of support for proposed changes to Macarthur Gardens Site R3
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To whom it may concern,

In 2025 WSP's Indigenous Specialist Services team was engaged to deliver the Connecting with Country component for the Macarthur Gardens R3 development.

In May 2025 a Walk on Country with Elders was arranged, allowing the design teams an opportunity to listen and learn about the site from an Aboriginal perspective.

Through a series of follow up workshops between the design team- architects DKO and landscape architects Taylor Brammer, a concept design was developed that incorporated the culturally focussed advice provided through the engagement with Elders into the built form and landscape.

Since the Connecting with Country component was delivered the plans for the development have been submitted and approved via the SSDA pathway. Since approval, modifications to the architectural and landscape design have been proposed in order to facilitate a feasible development.

On the 11th of May a meeting was held between WSP's Indigenous Specialist Services, DKO and Taylor Brammer to review the proposed changes to the built form and the landscape plans in order to understand how the proposed

changes impact the Connecting with Country outcomes. Notes from the meeting are provided in Appendix 1 for reference.

Ultimately, in the view of WSP, the proposed changes to the built form and landscape do not impact the Connecting with Country outcomes in a negative way. The reduced building footprint will require less materials which is a benefit to the resources required and taken from Country. The increased communal open space available to residents provides more opportunity to engage with the natural environment and connect with Country.

In conclusion WSP's Indigenous Specialist Services support the proposed changes to the Macarthur Gardens R3 development.

Kind regards,

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Date_____24/06/2026_____

Appendix 1:

Notes from meeting with DKO & Taylor Brammer 11/05/26

DKO briefed the team on the latest architectural changes.

- Overall design intent has been maintained.
- Built form and envelope have been rationalised, with a reduced overall scale and increased landscaping opportunities.
- The revised approach allows the tower to better engage with the ground plane through the introduction of apartments addressing the eastern boundary.
- Materiality, layering and patterning generally consistent with previous DA

Taylor Brammer briefed the team on latest landscape changes:

- Landscape architecture is a response to the latest architectural revision.
- Change derives largely from change in geometry
- The bulk of the costing exercise was in the architecture and construction.
- Design principles are still the same, with more opportunity for landscaping along the boundaries.
- Increase in ADG deep soil

WSP Feedback:

- The current architecture is 'cohesive and pleasing'.
- Reduction in built form was viewed positively.
- From a Connection to Country perspective, there is no major reduction in landscape outcomes
- Sian noted opportunities to further activate the ground-level communal open space (COS).
- Generally, feedback was very positive, and WSP are happy to endorse the latest changes.