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**NEW CATHOLIC COLLEGE, 2 KINGFISHER CLOSE, MEDOWIE (SSD 8989)
SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received on 15 December 2017 advising of a request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) to assist with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposed development.

The EPA understands that the proposal involves the construction and operation of a new school at 2 Kingfisher Close, Medowie (Lot 412 and Lot 413 DP 1063902), that will consist of classrooms, administration buildings and training facilities.

Based on the information in the Preliminary Assessment provided, it does not appear that the proposed development involves an activity that is listed in Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act). As such Port Stephens Council would be the appropriate regulatory authority for matters under the POEO Act in respect of the proposed development. I suggest that you contact the Council regarding their requirements for the preparation of an Environment Impact Statement.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Genevieve Lorang on 4908 6869 or by email to hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bennett'.

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