



Mr Peter Duncan
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Independent Planning Commission
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Dear Mr Duncan

Staged redevelopment of SCEGGS Darlinghurst - SSD-8993

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for the staged redevelopment of Sydney Church of England Girls Grammar School (SCEGGS).

In accordance with Clause 8A of the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 and Section 4.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination, as 50 or more objections were received in public submissions and the City of Sydney Council (Council) lodged an objection.

The Department exhibited the application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from 7 March 2019 until 3 April 2019. During this period, the Department received a total of 117 submissions, including six submissions from public authorities, one from Council, 102 from the public and eight from special interest groups. Of these submissions, 99 public submissions, the Council submission and eight special interest group submissions raised objections to the proposal.

In assessing the merits of the project, the Department considered the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project, submissions on the EIS, relevant environmental planning instruments, the suitability of the site for the project, and the public interest, in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Based on its assessment, the Department believes that the project is approvable subject to a range of conditions.

A copy of the Department's assessment report and all other publicly-made documents relevant for the Commission's consideration is available on the Department's major project website:
<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/12246>

An electronic copy of information not available on the major project website, including community and public authority feedback received outside of the formal exhibition period, is enclosed.

For any further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Karen Harragon, Director, Social and Infrastructure Assessments, on 02 9274 6358.

Yours sincerely

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