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Mr Jim Betts
Planning Secretary
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Attn: Mr Shiraz Ahmed

Dear Shiraz

The Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Schools Project (SSD 9343)
- Request to alter the timing for registering for Green Star Certification

As per Condition B8 of the Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Schools Project development consent, School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) seeks the Secretary's agreement to alter the timing for SINSW to register for a 4-star Green Star rating with the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA). Condition B8 is reproduced below:

- B8. Prior to the commencement of construction, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must demonstrate that ESD is being achieved by:*
- (a) registering for a minimum 4 star Green Star rating with the Green Building Council Australia and submit evidence of registration to the Certifier or seeking approval from the Planning Secretary for an alternative certification process; and*
 - (b) including water sensitive urban design measures in the design, such as:*
 - i) Consideration for water monitoring systems to identify leaks or the like; and*
 - ii) Use of water efficient fixtures and fittings.*

SINSW is seeking to defer the timing for registering the project with the GBCA from prior to the commencement of construction, to within two months of the commencement of construction to enable the commencement of works on-site whilst SINSW prepares a submission seeking approval from the Planning Secretary for an alternative certification process.

The intent of the alternate ESD certification pathway is to enable SINSW to certify the completed works comply with the ESD provisions identified in the NSW Department of Education's *Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines* (EFSG).

Further, SINSW considers the conceptual framework for the proposed certification pathway would provide an equivalent ESD outcome to the current requirements of Condition B8 on the basis the EFSG design standards have been developed to provide an equivalent level of building performance to a 4-star Green Star rated building.

SINSW has made a submission to the Department on 7 August 2020 to demonstrate how the EFSG has been developed to provide an equivalent level of building performance to a 4-star Green Star certified building, and provide an alternate framework to verify new school infrastructure will be designed and constructed to comply with the mandatory ESD requirements of the EFSG.

Should you have any queries regarding this correspondence or require any further information in this matter please contact Gavin Ng, Principal Compliance Officer on 0409 596 887.

Yours sincerely,



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