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Meadowbank Education and Employment Precinct Schools Project (SSD-9343)
Technical Note to updated Pedestrian Safety Management Strategy, Condition D36

Dear Mr Kavanagh

I refer to the Technical Note as an update to the previously approved updated Pedestrian Safety Management Strategy (PSMS), submitted for the approval of the Planning Secretary under condition D36 of SSD-9343. I acknowledge and thank you for your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

I note that the Technical Note:

- was reviewed by the Applicant and no issues were raised to the Department;
- has been submitted as an update to the previously approved updated PSMS under SSD-9343-PA-87;
- has been prepared in consultation with City of Ryde Council and School Principals;
- proposes to remove Traffic Control that safely directs staff and students away from using Hermitage Road for arriving/departing school; and
- has been submitted to the Planning Secretary prior to the completion of the Hermitage Road footpath works.

The Department has carefully assessed the Technical Note along with accompanying documents including response to the issued request for further information.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I refuse to approve the Technical Note dated 2 April 2024 as an update to the previously approved updated Pedestrian Safety Management Strategy that proposes to remove Traffic Control as a mitigation measure, under condition D36 of SSD-9343, noting the following:

- the Hermitage Road footpath works remain outstanding and are now scheduled to be completed by 31 December 2024 as per a time extension approved under SSD-9343-PA-96, with approximately 8 months remaining;
- City of Ryde Council has expressed their concern that once Traffic Control is removed, students could begin to reuse Hermitage Road for arriving/departing the school;
- Marsden High School's School Principal has stated the Traffic Control has reinforced the school's safety message to students not walking via Hermitage Road;

- onsite observation witnessing no students were using Hermitage Road was conducted only for one day, i.e. there are no detailed combined observations of several/different days to obtain more reliable data and trends for safe access to the school;
- the PSMS does not incorporate Council's recommendation that a Traffic Controller be reinstated if students commence using Hermitage Road, as it does not commit to monitoring or otherwise reviewing any such use, or commit to reinstatement of a Traffic Controller in any event; and
- considering the above, it is possible that pedestrian safety risk may increase due to removal of Traffic Control.

I remind you that previously updated PSMS, dated 26 June 2023 and approved under SSD-9343-PA-87 with Traffic Control, will remain in place until all public domain infrastructure works are completed as per the post occupation conditions of consent.

Also, I remind you to recommence submitting an update to the Planning Secretary on a monthly basis outlining the implementation of these measures and procedures until all the required public domain works are completed as per the original PSMS approval under SSD-9343-PA-46 and previous Hermitage Road footpath works time extension approvals issued under SSD-9343-PA-70, SSD-9343-PA-91, and SSD-9343-PA-96.

Please note that if there are any inconsistencies between the approved documents and the conditions of consent, the conditions will prevail.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Wood at matthew.wood@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Crinnion', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary