

Planning Secretary
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Jordan Springs Public School (SSD: 9354) Alternative ESD Certification

On 20th January 2021, School Infrastructure NSW ("SINSW") and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment ("DPIE") implemented an alternative Ecological Sustainable Development ("ESD") certification process.

State Significant Development ("SSD") Condition B9 and E14 of the development consent for the Jordan Springs Public School (the "Project") development consent states:

B9 - Prior to the commencement of construction, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must demonstrate that ESD is being achieved by either:

- (a) registering for a minimum 4-star Green Star rating with the Green Building Council Australia and submit evidence of registration to the Certifying Authority; or*
- (b) seeking approval from the Planning Secretary for an alternative certification process.*

E14 - Unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary, within six months of commencement of operation, Green Star certification must be obtained demonstrating the development achieves a minimum 4-Star Green Star Design & As Built rating. If required to be obtained, evidence of the certification must be provided to the Certifying Authority and the Planning Secretary. If an alternative certification process has been agreed to by the Planning Secretary under Condition B9, evidence of compliance of implementation must be provided to the Planning Secretary and Certifying Authority.

The alternative ESD certification provides assurance that SINSW projects are consistent with Australian' best practice and ESD principles.

Due to the late stage of development for this project, no Sustainable Development Plan ("SDP") outlining the sustainability targets for the Project was developed for this project. However, a pathway to achieve the equivalent 4 stars Green Star was developed for the project. This pathway was reviewed by SINSW Sustainability team to ensure alignment with SINSW's Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines ("EFSG") and with Australian sustainability best practice.

Richard Crookes Constructions, Head Contractor, has overseen the ESD implementation process, and was responsible for collecting and collating ESD evidence throughout the project. Cundall, the independent ESD consultant, verified the ESD requirements were met at key milestones throughout the project phases.

At the Project's completion, the contractor's ESD consultant compiled all ESD related information in a Sustainable Development Report ("SDR"). This report demonstrates that the Project has met ESD targets.

The SDR and the ESD evidence file have been verified and validated by the SINSW's Independent ESD consultant. The Independent ESD consultant issued a certificate of compliance to SINSW on 14 January 2021. A copy of the certificate of compliance is attached.

Based on the outcome of the Independent ESD consultant's review, the Project has fulfilled the alternative ESD certification process requirements and meets the *equivalent of 4 stars Green Star as per SSD Condition E14*.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex A - SINSW Sustainability Review Checklist

Project ESD Consultant

- ☐ Sustainable Development Plan has been provided by the Project ESD consultant - NA
- ☐ Sustainable Development Report has been provided by the Project ESD consultant
- ☐ Green Star schedule is complete
- ☐ EFSG Schedule is complete

Independent ESD Consultant

- ☐ Sustainable Development Plan review has been provided by the Independent ESD consultant - NA
- ☐ Sustainable Development Report review has been provided by the Independent ESD consultant, comprising statement of compliance.
- ☐ Outstanding issues have been discussed with the Independent ESD consultant

Project Director

- ☐ Documentation is available and stored with the project documentation.
- ☐ Sustainable Development Report review, with no outstanding items, has been presented in a meeting by the Independent ESD consultant to:
 - o Project Director, SINSW, and
 - o Manager, Sustainability, SINSW.
- ☐ Assurance was provided in the meeting that all outstanding items have been closed out.

