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Michael Cassel  
Planning Secretary  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
12 Darcy Street  
Parramatta NSW 2150

Attn: Mr Shiraz Ahmed

20 January 2022

Dear Mr Cassel

**Upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School (SSD 9483):  
Submission of Variation to Construction Hours in accordance with Condition  
C6(d).**

I refer to the Upgrades to Chatswood Public School and Chatswood High School approved on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to impact our construction sites and is foreseen to be the key risk in workforce presence and thus the commitments given for the delivery of this community educational facility.

A formal request, in accordance with condition C6(d) of the Development Consent, for the extension of hours is sought over the next three (3) to six (6) months (30 June 2022). This request would be consistent with the times and conditions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development—Construction Work Days) Order (No 3) 2021, that allowed construction works to occur Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. This provision expired on 24 December 2021.

All work would be consistent with the expired Order with permitted 'building work' or 'work', or the 'demolition' of a 'building', (as these terms are defined in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)) on a Saturday between the hours of 7am and 5pm. The Order also permitted the following works and activities to be carried out on a Sunday between the hours of 9am and 5pm:

- professional and administrative activities which do not involve any physical construction works;
- painting;
- wall and floor tiling;
- waterproofing;
- silicone work (sealing);
- builders clean (excluding site clearing by use of bobcats or similar machinery);
- carpet laying;
- prefabricated joinery installation; and

- any other works occurring indoors which do not produce substantial noise.

The works must comply with all conditions of the consent (except to the extent the consent restricts the hours of work or operation on a Saturday or a Sunday). Additionally, all feasible and reasonable measures to minimise noise must be taken. Works carried out on a Saturday must not involve rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving or similar activities. For works carried out on a Sunday, workers must not play music or use a radio, and must not use certain noisy tools or equipment (including nail guns and electric power tools).

All works will be managed in accordance with the existing Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan with noise monitoring undertaken to monitor and manage the works. No high impact noisy works will occur as the works will be limited to low noise generating activities. If any complaints are received, works must cease and noise mitigation measures reviewed and implemented to address the concerns raised.

Per C7, resident notification will be provided to adjacent residents 5 days in advance of work commencing and residents will be given contact details for School Infrastructure NSW should they have any concerns.

Department of Education, due to the impacts of Covid 19, therefore submits this request for a limited variation to construction hours to the Planning Secretary for approval.

Yours sincerely

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