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**RE: 2B-6 HASSALL STREET, PARRAMATTA
STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
CAMPUS**

Dear David,

Western Sydney University is one of Australia's largest universities; its mission is to be a university of international standing and outlook, achieving excellence through scholarship, teaching, learning, research and service to local and international communities, beginning with the people of Greater Western Sydney. Ranked amongst the top three per cent of universities in the world, Western is globally focused, research-led and committed to making a positive impact at a regional, national and international level.

The University is embarking on a large-scale transformative program that will bring the highest quality educational opportunities and world-class research expertise to Western Sydney. The University is reshaping its campus network, to combine existing campuses with CBD vertical campuses and is committed to developing campus precincts that connect with and embed business, industry and community partners.

Through the proposed new facility at Hassall St, the University will leverage its distinctive education and research strengths and serve as a focal point for co-creation, exchange and translation with business, industry and community. This symbiotic partnership is central to the successful delivery of the Innovation Hub at Hassall St and the academic program. Collocation with industry partners within the balance of the building floor space is intended to be carefully considered together with Charter Hall. This will enable the University to create strategic alliances benefiting local business and the community; allowing industry partners to benefit from the University's research and providing our graduates with real-world practical skills and experience through placement with industry. Our experience to date with this delivery model has been very positive.

Western Sydney University's vertical campuses deliver high amenity, technology-rich facilities for education and research, supporting innovation, improving community well-being and providing greater accessibility across the region.

Yours sincerely,

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