

16 July 2020

Mr Jim Betts  
Planning Secretary  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attn: Shiraz Ahmed

**New Marsden Park Public School (SSD 9809) - Request to alter the timing for registering for Green Star Certification**

Dear Mr Ahmed,

As per Condition B9 of the New Marsden Park Public School 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 B9 is reproduced below:

- 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 Certifier or seeking approval from the Planning Secretary for an alternative certification process; or*
  - (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 negotiates an alternate ESD certification pathway with the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE).

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 B9 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 is currently preparing a package of information to identify 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.

This information will be submitted to DPIE for consideration in July 2020. A supplementary request to seek the Secretary's approval to use an alternate certification pathway will be lodged with DPIE in accordance with the requirements of Condition B9 concurrent to the issue of the above information.

Should you have any queries regarding this correspondence or require any further information in this matter please contact Kate MacDonald, Director Statutory Planning on 0448 469 748.

Yours sincerely,



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**School Infrastructure NSW**

