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Weigall Sports Complex (SSD-10421-Mod-1)

The report by JBS&G - Remediation Action Plan identifies significant issues relating to the contamination status of the site. Specifically, section 3.2 of that report indicates that lead concentrations in the site soil exceeds acceptable levels for human health. Lead concentrations above acceptable levels were observed in limited bore samples taken in 2020. Further testing, if performed, could reveal additional contaminants. The lead in the soil arises from industrial waste material comprising the site.

The evacuation plan for the contaminated soil presents a serious health risk to the children attending Sydney Grammar School using the adjacent playing fields and the residents in Neild Ave and Lawson St.

Section 5.2.1 of the JBS&G report detailing the remediation plan for the removal of lead impacted soils indicates that these soils will be stockpiled within the site prior to removal. This is inconsistent with the construction management plan which indicates no waste materials will be stockpiled on the site. Stockpiling contaminants, inadequate control of dust and periods of heavy rain will create serious health risks to children and residents.

The existence of lead contaminants in the site soil, the inadequate management plan for its safe removal and the extent to which this health issue has been communicated to the school community and local residents is a serious concern.

The Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School (the Applicant) should take all reasonable and prudent steps to:

- Inform school employees and children's parents of the existence of unacceptable levels of lead contaminants in the site soil
- Develop a comprehensive plan to manage any health risks during the site evacuation including risks to users of adjacent playing fields and neighbouring residents
- Provide appropriate reporting on completion of site works that contaminants have been removed and the site is safe for users

Yours sincerely
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cc The Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School