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CLOSURE OF THE UNSW ECOLIVING CENTRE SITE

As you may be aware the University has been undergoing significant structural and operational changes. An outcome of these reviews is a decision that the space currently allocated to the UNSW Ecoliving Centre is to be reassigned to other purposes and that some of the operational functions of Ecoliving are to be relocated to the Western Campus within and around the new Green Precinct based in Building G2.

The dwellings at numbers 12 and 14 Arthur St are being refurbished into additional accommodation for students with special needs.

With the relocation of the on-site Eco Living manager, Cameron Little, serious concerns were raised about the University's obligations and liabilities in regards to public safety and security on the unsupervised Ecoliving site. Discussion on this issue, coupled with the current review of UNSW Childcare services, has resulted in the decision that the current garden space will be allocated to the childcare centres. The University will enclose the garden area and landscape the space to enhance safety and amenity and to establish a more simplified maintenance regime. This will ensure that the garden space will remain for the benefit of the children and assist in their early childhood environmental learning.

A timetable for the cessation of community garden activities and the creation of other volunteering activities at UNSW and surrounding community gardens facilities is attached to this letter.

Thank you for your support of the Ecoliving Centre.

Yours sincerely

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