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Mr Jim Betts
Secretary
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Attn: Brent Devine at brent.devine@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Brent,

RE: SUBMISSION TO SSD-10445, Al-Faisal College Austral

SINSW welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on State Significant Development Application SSD-10445 (the SSDA) at Nos.79, 83-87, 66 and 80 Gurner Avenue, Austral. SINSW understands that the SSDA seeks development consent for:

- Major alterations and additions to the existing Al-Faisal Primary and Secondary School at No.83-87 Gurner Avenue (including expansion into No.79 Gurner).
- Use of the site as a primary school and erection of a new secondary school at Nos.66 and 80 Gurner Avenue, Austral (the site).

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) works in conjunction with the Department of Education (DoE) to ensure every school-aged child in NSW has access to high quality education facilities at their local public school.

SINSW has reviewed the EIS and supporting documents for SSD-10445 and has identified the following matters for consideration to ensure the on-going operation of Austral Public School (PS) is not adversely impacted during the construction and operation of the development.

Traffic

The proposal may result in additional construction and operational traffic on the road network surrounding Austral PS. The Traffic and Accessibility Assessment (prepared by Traffix) notes that truck routes will utilise arterial roads, such as Fifteenth Avenue and Cowpasture Road. Notwithstanding the above, SINSW requests that DPIE ensure that construction travel paths are not proposed in locations that will compromise pedestrian and vehicular access to Austral PS during peak operating hours, or associated school drop-off and pick-up spaces.

SINSW also requests additional clarification regarding the proposals Travel Mode Assessment. The report notes that trip generation rates were predicted based on an assessment of a 'nearby school' approximately 7km away. Given the unique context of the school site, additional information is required as to the size and nature of this comparative example as well as its surrounding context.

SINSW notes that the proposal includes a preliminary Green Travel Plan. SINSW is supportive of initiatives which encourage greater sustainable travel to and from schools and requests that this report be updated as development progresses on the Austral and Leppington North Precincts active transport network.

Noise and Vibration

Austral PS is located approximately 3kms south of the proposed school site and therefore should not be affected by noise or vibration impacts. However, should ongoing noise or vibration impacts cause concern to Austral PS, it is requested that appropriate monitoring and mitigation measures be required to be undertaken by the Applicant through the requirement of a construction noise and vibration management plan and appropriate complaints handling procedure and community consultation.

Should you wish to clarify any aspects of this submission, or require any further information please contact Lincoln Lawler at Lincoln.Lawler@det.nsw.edu.au or Katie Weaver at Katie.Weaver@det.nsw.edu.au.

Yours Sincerely,



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