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Attention: Peter McManus

Dear Mr Gibson

**Inner Sydney High School, Surry Hills (SSD 7610)**

I refer to your letter dated 19 June 2017 to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) seeking comments on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

OEH has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and supporting Technical Papers and provides comments on flood risk management.

**Flood risk management**

The Northrop report adequately identifies all relevant floodplain management issues and constraints, including that the subject land is significantly impacted by the 1:100 AEP flood event. However, OEH has identified an oversight in the report as follows:

- Section 4.1 "Existing Flood Characteristics" – The site specific flood certificate provided by WMAWater on 4 May 2017 is based on the Blackwattle Bay Floodplain Risk Management Study, 2015, not the Blackwattle Bay Flood Study, 2014.

The Northrop report outlines options for further consideration and recommendations to deal with overland flow risks identified. These proposed recommendations are supported by OEH. Further investigation and design studies in partnership with Sydney Water will be required once detailed development options have been progressed to confirm findings of the Northrop report. The overland flow constraints identified should be adequately managed in the detailed design stage.

If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Marnie Stewart on 9995 6868 or [marnie.stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:marnie.stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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