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Department of Planning & Environment
By email at: information@planning.nsw.gov.au

Attention: Mr Daniel Gorgioski

26 June 2019

Dear Mr Gorgioski

**Public Exhibition for Alesco Senior College
7 James Street, Argenton (SSD-9683)**

I refer to the email from the Department of Planning & Environment to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 19 June 2019 seeking EPA comment on the Development Application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Alesco Senior College at 7 James Street, Argenton (SSD-9683) and any recommended conditions of approval.

Based on our review of the information provided, the EPA understands that the proposed development is for a change of use from the existing premises to an educational centre and that there will be no significant building or earthworks associated with this proposed development. As indicated in our previous letter of 30 October 2018 (EPA Ref: DOC18/808552-02), it does not appear that the proposed development will be a scheduled activity as listed in Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the POEO Act) nor is the proposed development being undertaken by a NSW government education provider. Lake Macquarie City Council (Council) would therefore be the Appropriate Regulatory Authority for any environmental pollution matters under the POEO Act in respect of the proposed development and therefore the EPA recommends that DPE consults with Council on the Development Application and EIS if not already done so.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Genevieve Lorang on 02 4908 6869 or by email to hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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