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Dear Mr Gorgioski

Alesco Senior College (SSD 9683) - Environmental Impact Statement

I refer to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Alesco Senior College (SSD 9683) exhibited on the NSW Planning & Environment website. The EIS proposes a change of use of an existing premises to an Educational facility.

The EIS indicates that there is no proposed construction for this development, as the current site is suitable for the educational facility in its current configuration. The EIS does indicate that one of the soil samples collected from the Contamination Site Investigation reveals an elevated lead concentration in an area that can be accessed by students.

Lead in soil presents a health risk only if people are exposed and children are more sensitive to the detrimental effects of lead. Exposure may occur when lead-contaminated soil is ingested or inhaled.

The EIS proposes that the slag fill contaminated area be capped with a hardstand material e.g. asphalt, concrete or other hardstand material, and that an ongoing management and maintenance plan be developed. Hunter New England Population Health supports this management strategy, as it will prevent any exposure to lead-contaminated soil.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Ms Nichole Mason, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely

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