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Dear Mr McManus

**RE: Request for comments- Public Exhibition- SCEGGS Redlands Staged Development, 272 Military Road, Cremorne – SSD 6454**

I refer to your email dated 19 June 2015 seeking comments from the Heritage Council of NSW (Heritage Council) about the exhibited Development Application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above mentioned proposal which involves:

- concept proposal for the staged redevelopment of the school over five stages, including building envelopes and built form design guidelines to guide future development and redevelopment of new and existing teaching, learning and sporting facilities, open space and transport infrastructure; and
- detailed proposal for the first stage (Stage 1 – New Learning Hub), comprising:
  - demolition and refurbishment of existing buildings and structures and construction of a new four storey education building with rooftop outdoor learning area, and temporary demountable classrooms;
  - construction of new basement car park and vehicle access off Gerard Street and temporary fit-out of the basement car park for music and general education uses;
  - construction of landscaped podium above new basement car park;
  - new internal vehicle access link, facilitating ingress from Waters Road and egress onto Military Road;
  - associated landscaping, infrastructure and servicing area.

The Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared by NBRSP+Partners has appropriately outlined the elements of heritage significance within the SCEGGS Redlands site. Several structures are understood to be of heritage significance to the local and school community. The HIS has considered how the significance of these elements may or may not be affected by the proposed works. Its conclusions are supported as proposed for this project. It is also recommended that the Department of Planning and Environment include a condition of approval requiring:

- an interpretation strategy to be prepared to assist in explaining the historic phases of the school's development over time.

The Archaeological Assessment prepared by Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd provided a summary of the previous land occupation of the study area which has concluded that the former Redlands building dated to the 1860s. The argument that physical archaeological evidence (and associated

relics) of this phase and other structures dating from the 20<sup>th</sup> century are unlikely to provide new or additional information is supported. The argument for no further archaeological mitigation or management under the current proposal is also supported. It is however recommended that the following standard conditions be adopted by the Department of Planning and Environment. These are standard requirements under s.146 of the *Heritage Act 1977* and s.89A of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* relating to notification of 'relics' and 'Aboriginal objects' are outlined below and should be conditioned:

- If historical archaeological deposits not assessed or anticipated by the Archaeological Report are discovered during works, work must immediately cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. A suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist must be contacted to assess and document the finds prior to recommencing work in this area; and
- Should any Aboriginal objects be uncovered by the work, excavation or disturbance of the area is to stop immediately and the Office of Environment & Heritage (Enviroline 131 555) is to be notified in accordance with Section 89A of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. A suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist must be contacted to assess and document the finds prior to recommencing work in this area.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Rajat Chaudhary, Heritage Officer, at [rajat.chaudhary@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rajat.chaudhary@environment.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 9873 8521.

Yours sincerely



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