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**RE: SSD-9343-Mod-4 Meadowbank Schools Project – Modification 4 – Public Domain Changes**

Thank you for notifying Sydney Water of SSD-9343-Mod-4, which proposes amendments of conditions to remove Hermitage Road from public domain works. Sydney Water has reviewed the application based on the information supplied and provides the following comments.

Sydney Water notes that investigative works have been completed on Hermitage Road and have uncovered several services including drinking water, stormwater, optic fibre, Telstra, gas and electricity. The Modification Report notes that due to the clearance requirements for each service, it is not possible to prepare a compliant design to relocate all these services within the footpath area.

**Sydney Water has no objections to the proposed amendments.**

Please see Attachment 1 for further requirements. If you require any further information, please contact the Growth Planning Team at [urbangrowth@sydneywater.com.au](mailto:urbangrowth@sydneywater.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KL", enclosed within a large, stylized oval loop.

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## Attachment 1

### Building Plan Approval

The approved plans must be submitted to the Sydney Water [Tap in™](#) online service to determine whether the development will affect any Sydney Water sewer or water main, stormwater drains and/or easement, and if further requirements need to be met.

The [Tap in™](#) service provides 24/7 access to a range of services, including:

- building plan approvals
- connection and disconnection approvals
- diagrams
- trade waste approvals
- pressure information
- water meter installations
- pressure boosting and pump approvals
- changes to an existing service or asset, e.g. relocating or moving an asset.

Sydney Water's [Tap in™](#) online service is available at:

<https://www.sydneywater.com.au/SW/plumbing-building-developing/building/sydney-water-tap-in/index.htm>

Sydney Water recommends developers apply for Building Plan approval early as in some instances the initial assessment will identify that an Out of Scope Building Plan Approval will be required.

## Out of Scope Building Plan Approval

Sydney Water will need to undertake a detailed review of building plans:

1. That affect or are likely to affect any of the following:
  - Wastewater pipes larger than 300mm in size
  - Pressure wastewater pipes
  - Drinking water or recycled water pipes
  - Our property boundary
  - An easement in our favour
  - Stormwater infrastructure within 10m of the property boundary.
2. Where the building plan includes:
  - Construction of a retaining wall over, or within the zone of influence of our assets
  - Excavation of a basement or building over, or adjacent to, one of our assets
  - Dewatering – removing water from solid material or soil.

The detailed review is to ensure that:

- our assets will not be damaged during, or because of the construction of the development
- we can access our assets for operation and maintenance
- your building will be protected if we need to work on our assets in the future.

The developer will be required to pay Sydney Water for the costs associated with the detailed review.

## Tree Planting

Certain tree species placed in close proximity to Sydney Water's underground assets have the potential to inflict damage through invasive root penetration and soil destabilisation. Sydney Water requires that all proposed or removed trees and vegetation included within the proposal adhere to the specifications and requirements within Section 46 of the Sydney Water Act (1994) and *Diagram 5 – Planting Trees* within our [Technical guidelines – Building over and adjacent to pipe assets](#). Please note these guidelines include more examples of potential activities impacting our assets which may also apply to your development.

If any tree planting proposed breaches our policy, Sydney Water may need to issue an order to remove every tree breaching the act, or directly remove every tree breaching the Act and bill the developer or Council for their removal.