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Mr Colin Sharp
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Dear Mr Sharp

University of Sydney Stage 1 Concept Campus Improvement Program 2014-2020 – Camperdown Darlington Campus – SSD 13_6123

Thank you for your email dated 23 February 2014 in which you address the University's proposal for the Stage 1 Concept Campus Improvement Program 2014-2020 (CIP).

The inclusion of your name in Appendix N was in relation to the following information contained in Section 10.2 in the Campus Improvement Program Environmental Impact Statement.

"The University has been engaging with the local community throughout 2013 on the Darlington Campus Abercrombie Redevelopment Project. This has resulted in meetings with key stakeholders and local community with the University providing regular communication regarding the development of the Business School, the Abercrombie Student Accommodation project and the Darlington Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Strategy. Details of these community stakeholders can be found at Appendix N."

There is no suggestion that these community stakeholders were being consulted about the CIP in this reference.

Under the provisions of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*, the Department of Planning & Infrastructure (DP&I) is the authority responsible for assessing the CIP and making recommendations to the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure. This role includes consideration of all submissions received in response to this project. Consequently I have referred your submission directly to the DP&I for its information and further action.

The period of the CIP public exhibition period is set by the DP&I under the provisions of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 2000*. In order to assist the local community in comprehending the CIP, the University has undertaken the following activities, supplementary to the DP&I public exhibition process, to assist and inform the local community:

- A dedicated CIP webpage on the University of Sydney's with link to the DP&I website.



- Letterbox drop of the University's Community Information Notice on the CIP and the Community Drop-In Sessions to 1,100 surrounding residents on Friday 31st January and Saturday 1st February, 2014. The Notice provides direct links to the DP&I website containing all CIP documents and plans.
- University CIP public exhibition display during the month of February 2014 at the University G12 building, corner of Abercrombie and Darlington Streets.
- Three University CIP community drop-in sessions to inspect the CIP documents and presentation panels, and held on 5th, 8th and 15th February 2014.
- The Vice-Chancellor's Column in the February 2014 *South Sydney Herald* focused on the CIP and promoting the University's CIP Community Information Drop-In sessions.

The University has the CIP on public exhibition in the foyer of the G12 Services Building, 22 Codrington Street, Darlington. The CIP team are available to discuss and clarify the CIP with community members at your convenience.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Michael Spence
Vice Chancellor and Principal