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Attention Peter McManus

**RE: SSD 7237 REDEVELOPMENT OF ARTHUR PHILIP HIGH SCHOOL AND  
PARRAMATTA PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Thank you for providing the Department of Defence (Defence) with the opportunity to comment on State Significant Development 7237. Defence understands that the applicant is seeking to redevelop both Arthur Phillip High School (including a 17 storey vertical school for 2,000 students) and Parramatta Public School (including a 4 storey building for 1,000 students). The subject site is located at 175 and 80-100 Macquarie Street Parramatta.

Defence notes that the subject site is to the immediate north of the Defence Establishment Lancer Barracks. Lancer Barracks accommodates the 1<sup>st</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Royal New South Wales Lancers, which is a Royal Australian Armoured Corps Unit. In addition, the precinct accommodates a Regional Cadet Unit and the Regimental Museum which attracts a significant number of visitors at various times during the week.

There are two original Lancer Barracks buildings, known as Bob's hall and the Barracks, which date from 1819 and are historically significant as they are directly associated with the early history of New South Wales, and the early Government administration of Parramatta. Defence is concerned that the proposed works may have the potential to cause damage to heritage significant buildings located at Lancer Barracks. Defence requests that prior to any work proceeding on development that a dilapidation survey be undertaken of the heritage buildings. In addition, Defence recommends that an assessment is undertaken of proposed underground drilling / construction to ensure that the proposed development will not have an effect on the structural integrity or heritage values of any of Defence buildings at Lancer Barracks.

In regards to security concerns associated with the proposed development in close proximity to Lancer Barracks, Defence suggests that the applicant incorporates Crime Prevention through Environmental Design measures into the design of the proposed development and these measures are implemented throughout the built form to minimise opportunities for criminal activity.

Defence is concerned that the proposed 17 storey building may cause overshadowing of the Lancer Barracks Precinct and requests that an appropriate assessment as to the impact of such overshadowing is appropriately assessed and considered.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this submission further, please contact  
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Yours sincerely



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