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Dear Mr Beatts

**RE: Waitara Public School redevelopment, 48-58 Myra Street, Wahroonga (SSD 8574)
– Notice of Exhibition**

I refer to your letter dated 26 March 2018 inviting comments on the above State Significant Development application including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposal involving the following works:

- demolition of eight buildings in the northern section of the site, two of which originate from the inter-war period;
- removal and/or relocation of approximately 16 demountable classrooms;
- tree removal to allow for installation of new four-storey infill building in the north-western corner of site; and
- landscaping works, including the addition of a 'Heritage Courtyard' feature.

The subject site is not listed on the SHR. It is a local item within Wahroonga North Heritage Conservation Area situated in the vicinity of numerous local items, all listed on the Hornsby Local Environmental plan 2013. There are no historical archaeological issues identified with this site. A formal comment from the Heritage Council is, therefore, not required.

However, it is recommended that consideration be given to the impact of the proposed development on Wahroonga North Heritage Conservation Area especially the loss of two contributory items and addition of a large scale contemporary building to a locally listed site. Consultation with Hornsby Shire Council on mitigating heritage impacts including design amendments, appropriate interpretation, and landscape and urban design is also recommended.

Please note no further referrals to the Heritage Council are required for this proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Shikha Jhaldiyal, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at e-mail: shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au on telephone: 9873 8545.

Yours sincerely

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