



NATIONAL CENTRE OF
INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE

2 September 2011

Mr Michael Woodland
Director
Metropolitan and Regional Projects South
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Application to extend opening hours at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE)

Dear Mr Woodland,

Please find enclosed an application from the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern to extend our opening hours. The NCIE is located at 160 – 202 George St in Redfern (Major Project MP06-0267).

The NCIE seeks **outright approval** from the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure to change the opening time for the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre to 6.00am from the original 7.00am approved.

The application includes:

- This cover letter
- A completed 75W Part 3A form
- An updated Plan of Management relating to the management of extended opening hours
- Letters from NCIE's members and members of the local community supporting this application
- ~~Cheque for appropriate processing fee~~

The NCIE works with our Facilities Partner YMCA of Sydney to run the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre (SARC). The NCIE was opened in February 2010 and the SARC currently has 1507 members from the local Redfern community. Two thirds of our members are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who are committed to visiting the NCIE on a regular basis and leading healthier lifestyles.

The NCIE was originally granted a twelve month trial to open at 6.00am. As such, we have been operating with extended opening hours until recently. There are three aspects the NCIE would like to highlight in support of this application for outright approval to extend our opening hours:



Health and wellness benefits to the local community

- By opening the SARC at 6.00am we can continue to provide greater access to the gym facilities for members of the local community and NCIE gym members so they will have the opportunity to engage in healthier lifestyles.
- A common barrier for community participation in sport and recreation activities is access and time. By opening at 6.00am our local residents will have the opportunity to access the facility before work and can ensure they are living balanced lifestyles.
- Our experience at the NCIE indicates that usage at the SARC is high between 6.00am and 7.00am and significantly falls between 7.00am and 8.00am as our membership heads to work.
- Evidence in attendance at the NCIE indicates the following attendance trends:
 - Average entries between 6am and 7am (Monday through to Friday) = 174
 - Average entries between 7am and 8am (Monday through to Friday) = 32
 - Average entries between 8am and 9am (Monday through to Friday) = 40
- The SARC experiences a high level of usage between 6.00am and 7.00am as members use our facilities to improve their health through exercise before they go to work.

Limited noise and traffic impact

- While the opening time requested will see the NCIE opening one hour earlier than currently approved, the activities that will operate are all internal or limited to the rear of the SARC. All activities will be limited only to the gym and pool areas of the facility and will not be activities that create excessive noise.
- No activities that involve excessive noise will be conducted prior to 7am.
- It must be noted that whilst the Section 75W Part 3A Application is requesting the facility to open at 6.00am in lieu of 7.00am, the NCIE will not operate outdoor activities involving opening the accommodation or sports field prior to 7.00am. This would be an acceptable restriction to be placed on the consent of this application if it is considered necessary.
- Traffic increase and impact will be minimal as usage will increase minimally but at 6.00am the car park and thoroughfare to the SARC's entry will be sufficient to cope with increased demand.



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The minimal impact of vehicular traffic can best be illustrated by the NCIE's experience during the trial period. Essentially the users who use the NCIE between 6.00am and 7.00am are locals based in and around Redfern and predominately walk to the NCIE to use the SARC.

High level of community support

- At the conclusion of our extended opening hours trial we received a high level of feedback from local community members and NCIE gym members who would like the NCIE to continue opening at 6.00am.
- Please find attached letters of support for the extension of NCIE's opening hours from members of the local Redfern community and NCIE SARC members.
- The NCIE works with organisations including the Tribal Warrior Association, NSW Police through the Redfern Local Area Command and the Babana Mens Group to deliver health, fitness and mentoring programs to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in Redfern. They use the NCIE's facilities three times a week at 6.00am to run boxing classes that have a positive impact on the young Indigenous Australians in the Redfern community. We have a high level of support from these organisations to open at 6.00am so they can deliver programs and continue their good work.
- The NCIE will maintain our commitment to our local residents and engage with them through our quarterly community consultation meetings. In these meetings we work to address the issues and concerns raised by our local residents.

Allowing the NCIE to open the SARC at 6.00am will provide the local community with increased opportunities to pursue a healthier work-life balance. The NCIE appreciates the opportunity to provide this additional information in support of our application. I am happy to make a presentation to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure if required.

The NCIE is a not-for-profit organisation that delivers a high level of social benefit to the local Redfern community. I would appreciate any assistance you could provide to reduce the fees for this application/submission.

Please contact Pam Kaur from the NCIE on 02 8094 2500 or pam.kaur@ncie.org.au if you wish to discuss any of these issues or require additional information.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Glanville
Chief Executive Officer

Request to modify a major project



NSW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

Date duly made: ____/____/____

Modification No. _____

1. Before you lodge

This form is required under section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in order to request the Minister to modify the Minister's approval to carry out a project or concept plan to which Part 3A of the Act applies.

Before making this request, it is recommended that you first consult with the Department of Planning (the Department) concerning your modification. The Director-General may issue environmental assessment requirements that must be complied with before your request will be considered by the Minister. If the changes proposed by the modification will result in a project that is consistent with the existing approval, the Minister's approval for a modification is not required.

Disclosure Statement

Persons making a request to modify a project or concept plan are required to declare reportable political donations (including donations of or more than \$1,000) made in the previous two years.

Note: For more details about political donations disclosure requirements, including a disclosure form, go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations.

Lodgement

All modification requests must be lodged with the Director-General of the Department of Planning, by courier or mail. An electronic copy should also be e-mailed to the assessment contact officer assigned to the project.

NSW Department of Planning
Ground floor, 23-33 Bridge Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000
GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001
Phone 1300 305 695

2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency

ABN

National Centre of Indigenous Excellence

98 133 644 578

☒ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Jason

Family name

Glanville

Position

Chief Executive Officer

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

180

Street name

George Street

Suburb or town

Redfern

State

NSW

Postcode

2016

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')

PO Box 3093

Suburb or town

Redfern

State

NSW

Postcode

2016

Daytime telephone

02 8094 2500

Fax

02 8094 2555

Mobile

0409 915 143

Email

jason.glanville@ncie.org.au

3. Identify the land

STREET ADDRESS (where relevant)

Unit/street no.

180

Street or property name

George Street

Suburb, town or locality

Redfern

Postcode

2016

Local government area(s)

City of Sydney

State Electorate(s)

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Note: The real property description is found on a map of the land or on the title documents for the land. If you are unsure of the real property description, you should contact the Department of Lands.

Please ensure that you place a slash (/) to distinguish between the lot, section, DP and strata numbers. If the proposed modification applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

OR: detailed description of land attached: ☐

MAP: A map of the site and locality should also be submitted with this request.

4. Details of the original major project or concept plan

Briefly describe what the original approval allows

National Indigenous Development Centre comprising a new multi purpose building; swimming pool; multi code football field; adaptive reuse of existing school buildings for educational, commercial and dormitory uses; demolition of existing toilet blocks and associated landscaping

What was the original project application no.?

MP 06_0267

What was the date of the approval?

4 October 2007

What was the original application fee?

\$62,806.00

Note: Clause 245K of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* provides information on calculating the maximum fee for a request for modification.

5. Describe the modification you propose to make to the approval

Describe the proposed modification

Permanent increase of morning operating hours from 7am to 6am Monday to Friday.

Your modification request may need to be accompanied by an Environmental Assessment, including plans. An electronic and hard copy of this document will be required.

ESTIMATED CAPITAL INVESTMENT VALUE

Please indicate the estimated capital investment value (CIV) of the modification to the project approval or concept plan (excluding GST).

\$TBA

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed modification. This should be expressed as a proportion of full time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (FTE)

Refer
original
approval

Operational jobs (FTE)

Refer
original
approval

6. Landowner's consent (where required)

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this request being made by the proponent:

Land

180 George Street, Redfern,
NSW

Signature



Name

Jason Glanville - CEO

Date

2 September 2011

Land

Signature

Name

Date

Note: Under Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (the Regulation), certain applications for approval under Part 3A of the Act do not require consent of the landowner, however, the proponent is required to give notice of the application (e.g. linear infrastructure, mining & petroleum projects, and critical infrastructure).

7. Political donation disclosure statement

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Have you attached a disclosure statement to this request?

☐ Yes

☐ No

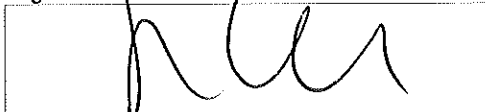
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8. Proponent's signature

As the proponent(s) of the project and in signing below, I/we hereby:

- provide a description of the modification to the project approval or concept plan and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75W of the Act, and
- declare that all information contained within this form is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature



In what capacity are you signing if you are not the proponent

Name

Jason Glanville

Name, if you are not the proponent

Date

2 September 2011