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**Attention:** Peter McManus & Heather Warton, Metropolitan and Regional Projects North

Dear Mr Haddad

**Re: S75W – Request for additional information in relation to MOD 4 Expansion of Education Centre, Wahroonga Estate (MP10\_0070)**

We write in response to the Department's request for additional information, dated 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013, in relation to the abovementioned matter. Specifically, this correspondence details the student and staff facilities at the proposed expanded education centre, and secondly, the subsequent traffic and parking impacts. The details are provided in the following subheadings.

**Student and Staff Facilities**

It is anticipated that the proposed expanded facility will be capable of accommodating 365 students and 9 staff.

The additional funding for the expanded centre was largely seen as an opportunity to improve its facilities, rather than increase its capacity. For example, it doesn't include facilities which are traditionally seen as generating student capacity such as additional lecture theatres. Rather, the expanded facility includes additional tutorial/study rooms for example, which are intended to enhance the learning ability of existing students. Similarly, a gym, common room and cafe is proposed on the ground floor of the expanded facility, the objective of which is to provide improved amenity for existing students, rather than accommodate a significantly greater number of students.

Accompanying this correspondence is a table itemising the size and use of each area/room in both the original education centre, as well as the expanded facility. The purpose of the table is to demonstrate that the size of the rooms proposed as part of the expanded facility are generally small, and that their uses are complimentary to the original facility, as opposed to being capable of accommodating a significantly greater number of students or staff.

**Traffic and Parking Impacts**

In relation to the Department's request to understand the traffic and parking implications of the expanded facility, Transport and Traffic Planning Associates (TTPA) was engaged to address this. Their traffic and parking assessment is included as an attachment to this letter. In summary, their assessment concludes that the expanded facility will result in a negligible impact, with the possibility of an improved outcome compared to the original project approval as a result of additional parking provided in the expanded scheme.

I trust that your enquiries have now been addressed, however, we are available to attend your offices to explain any part of this letter should you require further clarification.

Yours sincerely,



Wayne Gersbach  
**General Manager – NSW**