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### No Comment to Planning Advice Request

Dear Mr Way

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-11021026), requesting input from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed RIDBC Centre for Excellence (Application SSD-10451) at Macquarie University, Balacava Road, Macquarie Park.

The proposal is for:

- Construction and operation of the new purpose-built 1-3 storey (including basement level) Centre of Excellence across two interconnected pavilions at the corner of Culloden Road and Gymnasium Road within Macquarie University Campus. The development includes:
  - Pre-school and school accommodation for up to 80 pre-school children and up to 120 school children in a single-storey pavilion addressing Culloden Road
  - The main RIDBC building (accommodating approximately 260 staff) of up to three storeys, including basement level. The main RIDBC building houses:
    - Public areas for staff and visitors
    - RIDBC Renwick Centre classrooms (doubling also as conferencing facilities) and a business hub
    - RIDC Renwick Centre resource centre which is co-shared between RIDBC Renwick Centre staff, clinicians and pre-school / primary school teaching staff
    - Medical facilities for various clinical services

Based on the information provided, the proposal does not appear to require an environment protection licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Furthermore, the EPA understands that the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a NSW Public Authority nor are the proposed activities other activities for which the EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority.

While the EPA does not have regulatory involvement in the projects, we recommend that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should address the following:

**Waste management** – The EIS should estimate volumes of waste generated on the site and identify waste streams and disposal options for all waste including liquid waste, wastes classified as hazardous and wastes containing radiation. Waste management should consider the prevention

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of pollution, minimising resource use, improving the recovery of materials from the waste stream and ensuring the appropriate disposal of waste.

**Land contamination** – An assessment in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policy 55 (Remediation of Land) of land contamination resulting from past land-use activities must determine, whether the land is suitable for the proposal or will require remediation. The EPA should be notified under section 60 of the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997* of any contamination identified that meets the triggers in the Guidelines on the duty to report contamination under the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997* found at [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/statutory-guidelines](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/contaminated-land/statutory-guidelines).

The EPA has published guidelines (available at [www.epa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au)) relating to the above issues to guide assessment of these matters.

The EPA does not require any follow-up consultation and City of Ryde Council should be consulted as the appropriate regulatory authority for the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* in relation to the proposal.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Environment Line on 131 555 and quote the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Beaman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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