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Attention: Ms Jenny Chu

Dear Ms Chu

RE: Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus Upgrade (SSD – 11920082)

Thank you for your e-mail dated 27 May 2021 about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus Upgrade (SSD – 11920082) seeking comments from the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Directorate in the Environment, Energy and Science Group of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

We have reviewed the EIS prepared by DFP dated May 2020 and the associated documentation and can advise that there we have no issues to raise in relation to biodiversity (including threatened species and ecological communities, or their habitats), National Parks and Wildlife Service estate, climate change, sustainability and flooding.

Whilst there are no major issues to raise from a coastal perspective, we note that the site is wholly within the Coastal Use Area identified by the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 (Coastal SEPP).

Section 4.7.9 of the EIS identifies that the proposal is unlikely to cause adverse impacts to the foreshore, beach, headland, or rock platforms, which is a narrow application of the criteria for development on land within the Coastal Use Area in the Coastal SEPP given the objectives for the Coastal Use Area in the *Coastal Management Act 2016* (CM Act)

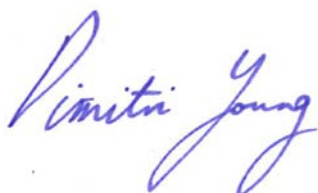
For completeness of assessment, the EIS should address the following management objectives for the coastal use area listed under section 9 of the CM Act:

1. to protect and enhance the scenic, social and cultural values of the coast by ensuring that:
 - i. the type, bulk, scale and size of development is appropriate for the location and natural scenic quality of the coast, and
 - ii. adverse impacts of development on cultural and built environment heritage are avoided or mitigated, and
 - iii. urban design, including water sensitive urban design, is supported and incorporated into development activities, and
 - iv. adequate public open space is provided, including for recreational activities and associated infrastructure, and

- v. the use of the surf zone is considered
- 2. to accommodate both urbanised and natural stretches of coastline.

If you have any questions about this advice, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Bill Larkin, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, at bill.larkin@environment.nsw.gov.au or 6659 8216.

Yours sincerely



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