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Dear Mr DeSylva

**Westmead Catholic Community Education Campus (SSD-10383)
Request for additional information**

I refer to the State significant development (SSD) application for the Westmead Catholic Community Education Campus (SSD-10383). After careful consideration, the Department is not satisfied that sufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the Westmead Catholic Campus (WCC) site can accommodate the proposed development. The Department's key concerns are detailed below.

1. Traffic and Transport

As raised previously by the Department and Council during the assessment of the application, the Department has not been provided with satisfactory or sufficient information with respect to Traffic Impact Assessment and associated traffic modelling to enable a comprehensive assessment of forecast traffic impacts.

In addition to these concerns, the limited information that has been submitted, and on which the application relies, indicates that the development would have significant and unacceptable impacts on Darcy Road. No mitigation measures proposed as part of the application are considered by the Department, in consultation with Council and TfNSW, to be either acceptable or adequate to address the impacts likely to be associated with the development.

The information submitted is not sufficient to demonstrate that the proposal would not have a significant detrimental impact on the operations and efficiency of the road network.

2. Open Space

As raised previously by the Department and Council during the assessment of the application, the Department has not been provided with satisfactory and sufficient information with respect to the quality and quantity of open space proposed. The Department is not satisfied that future students would benefit from adequate play space with appropriate amenity. Additionally, there has not been adequate numerical or quantitative information submitted to demonstrate that the development would not increase demand for use of Council-owned sportsgrounds that are already at or near capacity within the locality.

The information submitted is not sufficient to demonstrate that the proposal would offer adequate play space amenity, nor that the development would not increase required access to Council sportsground facilities.

Consequently, the Department is writing to you to advise that the application has not been accompanied by sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the WCC site can accommodate the proposed development. The Department has requested this information throughout the course of its assessment; however, this has not been sufficiently forthcoming. Based upon the information provided to date, the application does not adequately demonstrate that the proposed development does not represent an over-development of the site.

The Department therefore requests that you address the above concerns by Tuesday 1 June 2021 and invites you to reconsider the proposed development. Beyond this date, the Department will proceed to finalise its assessment of the proposal based upon the information received to date and refer the application to the Independent Planning Commission (the consent authority).

If you have any questions, please contact Prity Cleary on 02 8289 6795 or via email at prity.cleary@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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