

GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT NEW SOUTH WALES

30/09/21

EIS: New Public School in Mulgoa Rise, Glenmore Park SSD-1107021

Dear Lauren and Teresa,

I have reviewed the documents and considered them in relation to the design review commentary provided by GANSW on SSD-1107021 through the SDRP. We have attached the advice from SDRP 1 held on 26th March 2021.

Substantial changes have been made to the project since the SDRP review in March including changes to the landscape design, location of key buildings on the site, architecture, parking, and staging strategy.

While some improvements have been made in relation to the clarity of the staging, the parking and waste removal, and a more detailed resolution of the landscape strategy, a number of questions from the SDRP session remain unresolved:

- the separation of the built form from landscape and an associated loss of high-quality sheltered outdoor learning spaces that was present in the initial master plan sketches.
- whether the planned tree cover is appropriate in this location.
- a lack of daylight in some teaching spaces.
- consideration of climate impacts including increasing heat to the designs.
- communication of how flooding levels inform the architecture and landscape strategy.

The substantially changed proposal has created new questions that could impact on the quality of the design outcome:

- 8m or more separation between boundary and building edge and associated underutilization of space and visual disconnection from the community.
- evidence of an appropriately considered response to Connecting with Country (aside from the inclusion of a central meeting place) and its integration with landscape, built form and experience of being a student at the school.
- architectural expression and the consideration of appropriate material finishes for this context and for primary school teaching.
- the removal of 8 trees on Deerubbin Drive, along the northern edge of the site.
- dominance of high steel fencing to achieve safety requirements and associated impact on the relationship with the community.
- removal of the field from stage 1.

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The combination of existing comments from the SDRP and new questions warrants a return to the SDRP. A new session is required to insure good design outcomes across a range of critical aspect of the project.

Where you have specific additional concerns, please call and we can discuss and provide additional feedback and advice if required.

Regards,

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