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Ms Carolyn McNally

Secretary

Department of Planning and Environment

Level 22, 320 Pitt Street

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Attention: David Gainsford, Executive Director Priority Projects

Dear Secretary

**Request for SEARs – Engineering & Technology Precinct development,
Darlington Campus**

In accordance with clause 3 & Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 2000* (the Regulations), and clause 8 & Schedule 1 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (State & Regional Development) 2011* (the SRD SEPP), The University of Sydney (the University) is seeking the Department of Planning's Secretary:

1. confirmation that the proposed new development within the engineering & Technology precinct, Darlington campus, qualifies as a State Significant Development Application (SSD); and
2. Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) in the preparation of SSD documentation and EIS report.

The development site is the Engineering Electrical building and the Engineering Link building. The site is located on the eastern half of the Darlington campus, within the Engineering & Technology Precinct, and fronting the Maze Crescent internal campus roadway. The site currently occupies a group of Engineering & Technology faculty buildings. The Darlington campus is located within the City of Sydney's Local Government Area (LGA) and is entirely contained within University land (campus domain).

Under this SEARs request, the Electrical Engineering Building and Engineering Link Building are proposed to be redeveloped by partial demolition, replacement, refurbishment and extension.

The proposed redevelopment site is anticipated to provide approximately 20,000 m² of Gross Floor Area (GFA) to accommodate the various engineering & Technology uses proposed. Of the proposed 20,000m² GFA, approximately 14,000m² is additional GFA to that currently provided on the site. The final GFA will be revealed through the detailed design development phase.

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The building additions will enable the provision of improved infrastructure enabling shared resources and increased support for research and researchers to ensure the University is able to provide world class research and teaching facilities for the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology.

As you are aware, the Minister for Planning approved the University's Concept Campus Improvement Program (SSD13_6123) on 16 February 2015. This current SDD project is wholly contained within the CIP Engineering Precinct as well as the accompanying CIP Building Envelope.

The anticipated cost of the project work is valued at \$105,136,232.00 and an independent QS report by Wilde & Woollard accompanies this application. The University understands that the capital investment value brings this project squarely within the definition of "Educational establishments" under Schedule 1, Clause 15 of the *SEPP (State and Regional Development) 2011* which defines State Significant Development as "*development for the purpose of educational establishments (including associated research facilities) that has a capital investment value of more than \$30 million.*"

The University seeks to continue its productive, working relationship with the NSW Government in implementing the University's Campus Improvement Program through World Class educational establishment facilities and associated infrastructure.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any clarification or with any queries. The University's officer in this matter is Juliette Churchill, Campus Planning Manager who can be contacted on 9351-4017, or by email: juliette.churchill@sydney.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

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