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Dear Mr Clode

**Nihon University Newcastle Campus (SSD-9787)  
Conditions B6 and F12 Ecologically Sustainable Development**

I refer to your correspondence dated 16 January 2020, regarding conditions B6 and F12 – Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD), contained in Schedule 2 of the consent for development of the Nihon University Newcastle Campus (SSD-9787). It is noted that conditions B6 and F12 require registration and certification with the Green Building Council Australia or an alternate certification process to demonstrate that the development achieves a minimum 4 star Green Star rating, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.

The Department has reviewed the intended 4 Star Pathway and proposed use of a qualified expert in this area to review and certify that the design and construction would meet the equivalent 4 star Green Star rating required by the conditions.

The Department notes that the Applicant has indicated that the development is targeting 48 Green Star credits, which exceeds the requirement for a 4 star Green Star rating, and would provide confirmation from a qualified expert verifying the pathway and achievement of the required rating. On this basis, registration and certification with the Green Building Council Australia is not considered necessary for this project and the requirements of condition B6 has been satisfied, subject to the nominated experts confirming and providing the relevant evidence to the Department as outlined in your letter dated 16 January 2020.

As an alternate certification process is endorsed, please ensure the evidence required to address condition F12 (as outlined in your letter dated 16 January 2020) is submitted to the Planning Secretary via the major projects website within six months of commencement of operation.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Megan Fu on 9274 6531.

Yours sincerely

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Karen Harragon  
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As nominee of the Secretary