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Councillor Gail Giles-Gidney Mayor Willoughby City Council PO Box 57 Chatswood 2057

Dear Councillor Giles Gidney

I am writing in relation to the relocation of the International Chinese School.

As you know, the ACBC is a membership-based, non-profit, non-governmental organisation comprised of more than 1500 representatives from over 900 Australian companies who do business with China.

The ACBC believes that the success of our future trade and economic relationship with China will depend on our ability to develop Chinese language and cultural capability. Developing this from an early age is most effective.

The International Chinese School's Mandarin bilingual immersion program will help develop the skills we need to do business with China in the future. I therefore affirm the importance of this school to the future Australia-China relationship and urge the Council to take this into account as it considers matters relating to its proposed relocation to 211 Pacific Highway St Leonards.

Michael Clifton President

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