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Dear Mr Mason

Re: St Leonards South Planning Proposal 25 and supporting documents - exhibition

I refer to your letter dated 30 October 2017 (your reference 63267/17) seeking the Department's comments on the above exhibition.

As you are aware, in accordance with the NSW LEP Gateway's approval in September 2016 for exhibition of Planning Proposal 25, the Department submitted comments on 28 October 2016 providing examples of recent works undertaken in the Lower North Shore to significantly increase school capacity. The Department confirms that submission and additionally wishes to provide the following updated comments.

In June 2017, the NSW Budget announced a major increase in education provision of \$4.2 billion across the coming four years. At the same time the State Government introduced School Infrastructure NSW, a new entity to coordinate asset management across the State.

The Department's earlier submission indicated that the schools within Lane Cove and its surrounding areas are considered a priority for coming rounds of planning, and that Council and the community would be consulted within that process.

In June last year, accordingly, a major upgrade was announced for Greenwich Public School's Kingslangley Road and Infants School campuses. This planning was based on enrolment projections incorporating the additional dwelling estimates for recent and proposed rezonings for St Leonards, including the St Leonards South precinct. A Project Reference Group was established and meets regularly to provide school and community involvement in the project.

In response to proposed residential growth in St Leonards, primary and secondary education infrastructure planning will continue to liaison with the Department of Planning & Environment.

In overview, the Department supports Council's plans and their consistency with NSW policies promoting integrated residential and infrastructure growth in proximity to the St Leonards Centre.

Yours sincerely



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