

Prof. Mary O'Kane Chair Independent Planning Commission GPO Box 3415 Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Prof. O'Kane

## Major alterations and additions to the Stevenson Library Building at The Scots College SSD-8922

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for Major alterations and additions to the Stevenson Library Building Scots College.

In accordance with the Minister's delegation dated 14 September 2011, the application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination, as 25 or more objections were received in public submissions.

The Department exhibited the application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from 6 September 2018 until 3 October 2018. During this period, the Department received a total of 60 submissions, including seven from public authorities, one from a community group, and 52 from the public, of which 49 were by way of objection.

In assessing the merits of the project, the Department considered the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project, submissions on the EIS, relevant environmental planning instruments, the suitability of the site for the project, and the public interest, in accordance with the EP&A Act.

Based on its assessment, the Department believes that the project is approvable subject to a range of conditions.

I have attached a copy of the Department's assessment report and all other relevant documents for the Commission's consideration.

For any further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Karen Harragon, Director Social & Other Infrastructure Assessments, on 02 9274 6358.

Yours sincerely

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