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Mr Patrick Hall
Development Manager
Lederer Group Pty Ltd

Dear Mr Hall

**ET Australia School Gosford (SSD-10434)
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

I refer to the Planning Secretary's environmental assessment requirements (SEARs) issued on 6 April 2020 for the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the ET Australia School Gosford at Mann Street, Gosford (SSD-10434).

The SEARs inadvertently included a requirement for the EIS to consult with the special interest groups, including local Aboriginal land councils and registered Aboriginal stakeholders. Accordingly, the SEARs for the development have been reissued to remove this requirement given the nature and scale of the proposed development.

Please find attached a copy of the reissued SEARs for the preparation of an EIS. Please note that the Planning Secretary may again alter these requirements at any time.

If you do not submit a Development Application (DA) and EIS within 2 years, you must consult further with the Planning Secretary in relation to the preparation of the EIS.

Prior to exhibiting the EIS, the Department will review the document in consultation with relevant authorities to determine if it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. You will be required to submit an amended EIS if it does not adequately address the requirements.

The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of effective and genuine community consultation where a comprehensive open and transparent community consultation engagement process must be undertaken during the preparation of the EIS. This process must ensure that the community is provided with a good understanding of what is proposed, description of any potential impacts and they are actively engaged in issues of concern to them.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit your DA and EIS. This will enable the Department to:

- confirm the applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*); and
- determine the number of copies (hard-copy and USB) of the DA and EIS that will be required for reviewing purposes.

If your development is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and*

Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation and it is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Rita Hatem on (02) 8275 1033 or via email at rita.hatem@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Harragon
Director, Social and Infrastructure Assessments
as delegate for the Secretary