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Pymble Ladies College - Grey House Precinct (SSD-17424905)

Dear Professor O'Kane

The Department of Planning and Environment (Department) has completed its assessment of the merits of the State significant development (SSD) application for Pymble Ladies College - Grey House Precinct (SSD-17424905), lodged by Pymble Ladies College.

In accordance with section 2.7 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021 (formerly clause 8A of the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011) and section 4.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act), the application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) for determination, as Ku-ring-gai Council (Council) has objected to the development.

The Department exhibited the application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from 9 November 2021 and 6 December 2021 (28 days). During exhibition, the Department received 127 public submissions (including 124 objections), one objection from Ku-ring-Gai Council (Council), and advice from seven Government agencies.

In accordance with the clause 8A of the SRD SEPP, 39 Out of the 127 submissions, only 39 submissions are considered unique (not containing the same or substantially the same text) by the Department.

The Applicant sought to address the issues raised during exhibition, by providing a Response to Submissions (RtS), submitted on 4 May 2022. The RtS included minor amendments to the design of the development. In response to further concerns raised by Council and Government agencies, the Applicant submitted supplementary RtS (SRtS) on 10 June 2022 and 4 July 2022.

In assessing the merits of the project, the Department considered the environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposal, the submissions received 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 considers that the project is approvable, subject to the recommended conditions of consent.

A copy of the Department's assessment report and all other publicly made documents relevant for the Commission's consideration is available on the Department's major project website: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/pymble-ladies-college-grey-house-precinct>.

## Department of Planning and Environment



For any further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Karen Harragon-Director, Social and Infrastructure Assessments on (02) 9274 6358.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gainsford".

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