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Director, Urban Renewal NSW Planning & Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy Submission

I am writing to express my in principal support for the Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy.

In addition, I support the issues raised in the submission by Capital Sydnications to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment's Draft Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy, as a stakeholder and partner in the Nexus Business Park – Macarthur.

TAFE NSW – South Western Sydney Institute

TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute (TAFE SWSi) is one of Australia's largest training organisations and part of the TAFE NSW network, with nine colleges located in the South Western Sydney Region.

Campbelltown College is the major provider of vocational education and training in the Macarthur region and provides training to over 7,500 students in over 100 courses each year. TAFE SWSi has two other sites in the Macarthur Region - Macarthur Building Industry Skills Centre (MBISC), a specialist Building & Construction facility, and Macquarie Fields College. Macquarie Fields College offers courses across a variety of industry areas and has a specialist sport and recreation facility.

The Campbelltown College site is located in close proximity to the southern end of the South West Growth Centre. The South West Growth Centre covers approximately 17,000 hectares of largely undeveloped land across Liverpool, Camden and Campbelltown Local Government areas. The South West Growth Centre has capacity for 110,000 new dwellings and 300,000 people and is the location for Sydney's Second Airport at Badgerys Creek.

SWSi and the Nexus Business Park

Campbelltown City Council has taken a lead role in promoting the concept of a business park in Campbelltown. This concept, known as the Nexus Business Park – Macarthur, would incorporate the Maryfields Business Park (submitted to Council by Capital Syndications on behalf of the Franciscan Friars) which is located opposite TAFE SWSi Campbelltown College. The concept of the Nexus Business Park is to define the northern edge and gateway to Campbelltown – Macarthur.

The Nexus Business Park provides an exciting opportunity for TAFE SWSi to explore innovative industry partnerships and options regarding the future use of the Campbelltown College site.

A Central Campus concept presents an opportunity for TAFE NSW to collaborate with Western Sydney University and industry partners to create a contemporary education campus of the future, with a mission to integrate further education, research, innovation and business development. The Central Campus provides a setting for the development of synergies, partnerships and networks between education institutions and industry sectors such as health (Campbelltown hospital) and other business enterprises.

Campbelltown College

The Campbelltown College site is over 26 hectares and there remains significant areas of vacant land for future development. Currently there are 16 separately identified multiple storey buildings with a gross floor area totalling approximately 27,000 m2. The buildings were constructed over a 20 year period from the early 1980s. The buildings are generally of two storeys in height and in good condition commensurate with their age.

TAFE SWSi is considering opportunities to repurpose existing facilities and enter into partnerships with key industry stakeholders to develop vacant land in line with the Nexus Business Park concept.

Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy

TAFE SWSi requests the NSW Department of Planning and Environment consider the following changes in relation to the draft Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy:

- The proposed land uses highlighted in the draft Strategy identifies the Campbelltown College site for future 'Community Infrastructure' uses. This proposal does not allow the flexibility required for TAFE SWSi, particularly as part of the Nexus Business Park concept to redesign and redevelop the site into an industry-led state of the art training and business facility.
- TAFE SWSi is aiming to redevelop the Campbelltown College and its vacant land to accommodate local and regional population growth, and the increase in training required to address jobs growth and skills shortages. The Nexus Business Park proposal will invite interest from various industries, however the draft Strategy identifies very low job projections for Campbelltown. The business park will promote growth in areas such as health, medical, education, technology, administration and the knowledge economy. It is requested that the jobs projections in the draft Strategy be revisited to reflect the large growth, particularly given the land area proposed for the Nexus Business Park.

TAFE SWSi is working with Council, industry and key stakeholders to achieve an outcome that will benefit our students, employees and the wider community. TAFE SWSi will continue working to investigate mutually beneficial initiatives to improve connectivity of land uses and address the growth projected for the Macarthur region.

Yours sincerely

Peter Roberts Institute Director TAFE NSW – South Western Sydney Institute 14 September 2015