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Dear Ms Greenway,

**Draft Amendment to the Sydney Regional Environment Plan 26 – City West
(SREP 26)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to SREP 26.

The City understands that the NSW Department of Education has requested the changes to SREP 26 to make it possible to develop a temporary school at Wentworth Park while nearby Ultimo Public School undergoes redevelopment. The proposed changes would allow a temporary school to be considered under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. It is also understood that under the Part 5 pathway, the Department of Education would need to consider environmental impacts of the proposed temporary school before going ahead with the project. The draft controls proposed under SREP 26 also envisage that the temporary school would be removed and the community would regain access to that part of Wentworth Park by 31 December 2019.

The City notes that the current controls under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007*, Clause 29 would not permit the development to be carried out as development permitted without consent hence the need to change SREP 26.

Accordingly please be advised that the current changes proposed to SREP 26 does not provide any development standards which must be met by the proposal in order to be development permitted without consent in this location. Clause 29 of the Infrastructure SEPP specifies criteria and standards that must be met in order for an *Educational establishment* to move forward on that basis. These should be used to draft development standards which the Department should prepare and publicly exhibit before progressing any further with the proposal.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about the above, please contact Chris Corradi, Area Planning Manager – Major Projects, by telephone on 9246 7592 or by email at ccorradi@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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