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Dear Ann-Maree

Subject: Bayside West (Arncliffe, Banksia and Cooks Cove)

I write in response to your letter to John Neish dated 1 December 2016 inviting the Department of Education to provide comments on the Draft Land Use and Infrastructure Strategy for Bayside West precincts and the rezoning proposal for Arncliffe and Banksia.

The Strategy forecasts between 7,000 to 10,100 new residential dwellings in the area over 20 years. Based on a mix of high density and medium density residential development and current enrolment trends, this strategy is expected to yield an additional 300 - 400 government primary students and 180 - 210 government secondary students along the corridor. This will require up to 29 new classrooms and new or expanded support spaces such as administration, library, hall, canteen, staff offices and the like. The delivery and timing of new school infrastructure will be subject to school cluster plans to be developed by the Department of Education.

In October 2016 Martin Karm provided the Department of Planning and Environment with an estimated cost for this education infrastructure should a Special Infrastructure Contribution be applied to the growth area.

The Department of Education optimises use of its infrastructure in a number of ways including:

- the realignment of school catchment boundaries
- prioritising 'in catchment area' students
- increasing the size, amenity and functionality of existing schools
- using minor interventions, such as demountables, to manage short-term fluctuations in enrolments
- implementation of new models of school asset design, financing and delivery methods in partnership with other providers and agencies.

The majority of future enrolment growth is forecast to be in the primary school catchment zones for Arncliffe Public School, Athelstone Public School, Kyeemagh Infants School and Arncliffe West Infants School, and the secondary school

catchment zones for Kogarah High School, Moorefield Girls High School and James Cook Boys High School. Bexley Public School and Rockdale Public School will also be affected, but to a lesser extent.

Consideration within the Strategy should be given to improving pedestrian and cycle connections to Athelstane Public School, Kyeemagh Infants School and Arncliffe West Infants School as these schools may be expanded in the medium to long term, subject to the Department's cluster plans. Upgrades to intersections near to these schools, such as Wollongong Road / Athelstane Road and Wollongong Road / Dowling Street intersections, should also be considered to cope with increased traffic should these schools be expanded in the future.

I note the strategic intent of the Land Use Strategy includes the investigation of a change of land use and zoning within the northern portion of the Cooks Cove precinct, and that no dwelling projections for this precinct have been established. I also note that a new school and open space is to be provided for within the Cooks Cove precinct.

The provision of a new public school in this precinct will be subject to many factors, including the school cluster plans yet to be developed, the SIC contribution of school land, available funding, and the overall suitability of the new site for use as a school with consideration to, but not limited to, factors such as the operational noise and vibration from Sydney airport, flooding, contamination and traffic management. The Department is looking forward to working through these matters with you.

I trust this information is of assistance. Ms Susanne Johnson, Senior Asset Planner is the contact for this area and can be contacted on 95611005 or via email at susanne.johnson2@det.nsw.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



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