

Director, Industry and Infrastructure Policy
Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Director,

RE: *Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017*

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft *State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017* (the draft SEPP).

Sydney Olympic Park Authority (the Authority) is currently finalising the Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan review, and its recommendations will allow for significant investment and growth in the Park by 2030, including a population of 5,000 students (currently there are approximately 1,300 students).

The draft SEPP will not only align physical environment requirements from the National Quality Framework into the NSW planning system for the first time, but also consolidate planning provisions for early childhood education and care facilities, schools and tertiary institutions into one comprehensive state-wide planning policy. In practice, this should streamline the planning process, deliver greater consistency and certainty, and therefore make it easier for child-care providers, schools, TAFEs and universities to invest and build new facilities, and improve the existing facilities across NSW.

The Authority welcomes the draft SEPP and accompanying documents (Environmental Assessment Code of Practice, Planning Circular, Child Care Planning Guideline and Schools Design Guide) which will assist consent authorities such as the Authority to assess development applications and work with the industry to deliver child care and education facilities (public and non-government) that are of the highest standard to help meet the child care and education demand of the growing population in NSW.

Should you wish to discuss any matters in this submission, please contact Dat Tran, Planner on 02 9714 7139 or at Dat.Tran@sopa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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