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Dear Ms Owen

RE: Channel 9 Willoughby Concept Plan Proposal

Thank you for email on 22nd May inviting the Department of Education and Communities to comment on the proposed concept plan for the Channel 9 Studios in Willoughby.

The Department has been aware of this proposed development and planning officers from the Department visited the site on the 9th November 2012 with Channel 9 representatives to investigate potential impacts and opportunities.

The Department consulted with Willoughby Council to confirm the type of units that are proposed. They indicated that 33% of the dwellings will be one bedroom, 64% will be two bedrooms and 3% will be three bedrooms.

The Department's demographers have assessed the impact that the 585-residential unit development would have on the local area. The Department believes that it has the potential to generate about 40 additional school aged students which translates to an extra 1-2 classes of primary school students, depending on the age group.

The Department has assessed the surrounding schools and it has been agreed that this development, on its own, will not generate a need for a new school however it will require additional school classrooms to be built on existing local schools sites.

With a development of this size the Department of Education and Communities request that provision be made to seek contributions from the developer to contribute to the cost of providing additional permanent classrooms in nearby schools.

I assure you that the Department is continually working to address and plan for future levels of government school utilisation in Sydney's lower north shore.

Please contact Suzanne Clarke-Nash, Regional Asset Planner, Northern Sydney Region on 9561 8626 or email suzanne.clarkenash@det.nsw.edu.au if you require any further assistance with this matter.

Yours Sincerely

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