

16 July 2013.

Mr Mark Brown
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MSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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Dear Mr Brown,

**14-18 BOONDAH ROAD, WARRIEWOOD CHILD CARE CENTRE
(MP09_0162 MOD 4 & MP10_0177 MOD 13)**

I refer to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's letter dated the 28 May 2013 and provide the following additional information that justifies the increase in number of spaces for the child care centre.

The long day care child care centres that are similar to the proposal and located in the vicinity of the subject site are listed below.

- Warriewood Children's Centre Long Day Care - Council owned and operated.
Located at the Centro Warriewood Shopping Centre, Jackson Road.
- Head start Early Learning Centre – Unit 3, 6 Jubilee Avenue, Warriewood.
- Little Dove, Warriewood – 26 Hill Street, Warriewood.
- Warriewood Child Care – corner Daydream & Jubilee Avenue, Warriewood.

Each of the above child care centres were contacted during July 2013 to ascertain if any space were available for a Monday – Friday placement to cover working parents for children aged 2 and 4. No spaces were available for a weekly period. Some spaces were available on an ad-hoc arrangement for one day during the week. Weekly spaces could be made available in the following year when the older children leave for primary school and a waiting list would establish priority to working parents.

The availability of child care centre places for children will only tighten in the future as remaining undeveloped sites in the Warriewood Valley and Ingleside areas transform into residential suburbs, which has been identified in the Warriewood Valley Strategic Review Report and the draft Metropolitan Strategy. In this regard, the dwelling numbers expected in the Warriewood Valley alone is anticipated to increase from 741 to 1010, which has been stated in the Warriewood Valley Strategic Review Report. When one looks at the metropolitan strategy that was recently placed on public exhibition. The North Subregion draft plan is proposing to increase the provision of housing by some 44,000 to the year 2021.

It is clearly evident that housing numbers in the Warriewood Valley area will increase over time, and logically, there will be an increasing demand for child care centres as new families move into the area.

Yours faithfully

MERITON GROUP

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W Gordon', written in a cursive style.

Walter Gordon

Director of Planning & Development