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To Whom It May Concern:

Draft Ku-ring-gai Council Submission - UTS Ku-ring-gai Campus Amended Concept Plan 4 December 2009

Thank you for the briefing on 30 November 2009 and the opportunity to comment on the UTS Draft Campus Amended Concept Plan prior to submission to the NSW Department of Planning.

It is understood that UTS is seeking to amend the concept plan to comply with the conditions detailed in the Minister's approval and to retain the gymnasium the University previously sought to demolish as per the details on your Ku-ring-gai website.

Ku-ring-gai Council appreciates your efforts at early consultation, however in the absence of information on the proposed end users for the retained UTS educational facility and for the remainder of the site, this makes an informed submission difficult.

It is understood the existing gymnasium currently houses:

- 2 squash courts;
- 1 multi-purpose sports hall with sprung timber floor currently used for cardio fitness equipment, weights training and indoor sports such as basketball, badminton, volleyball, netball and indoor soccer;
- office space for staff; and
- storerooms.

And the gymnasium is currently open to the general community as well as UTS students. Usage fees for the general community are about 50% higher than student rates.

Ku-ring Council in principle, supports the retention of the existing recreational and community facilities on the site including the gymnasium for general community use. Further information should be provided by the UTS on the proposed ownership and maintenance regime of the retained gymnasium.

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