



Mr Michael Woodland Director, Metropolitan and Regional Projects - South Department of Planning GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Jodie Leeds

Dear Mr Woodland

I refer to your letter received on 10 August 2011 inviting the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to make a submission on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for a mixed use development at 110-114 Herring Road, Macquarie Park (MP10\_0112 and MP10\_0113).

OEH has reviewed the EA and notes the proposal for 790 on-site car parking spaces which exceeds by nearly 30% the 611 spaces recommended by the RTA's *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments* for high density residential flat buildings in sub-regional centres. The OEH also notes the close proximity of the site to public transport facilities, a regional shopping centre, Macquarie Park Employment Zone and Macquarie University.

A strategic direction of Sydney's Metropolitan Plan is 'to improve local opportunities for walking, cycling and using public transport'. In the interests of reducing car dependency and minimising the impacts of this development on local air quality, OEH recommends that consideration be given to applying the above strategic direction when setting the maximum number of car parking spaces.

If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Richard Bonner on 9995 6833.

Yours sincerely

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