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Department of Planning
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Mr George Koshy
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Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Mr Koshy

Re: Relinquishment of Proposed School Sites in Riverstone

I write to inform you that the Department of Education requests to relinquish its acquisition rights over several proposed school sites across the Riverstone area as outlined below and attached in **TAB A**:

- Riverstone Road proposed primary school site - no longer required due to its close proximity to the existing Riverstone Public School. All lots to be relinquished (Lots A&B DP362093)
- Otago Street proposed K-12 school site – reduced site retained with one lot to be relinquished (Lot 2 DP1042658)
- Crown Street proposed primary school site - reduced site retained one lot to be relinquished (Lot 17 DP1459)

These amendments have been endorsed by the Minister for Education (June 2017).

A key factor in relinquishing these sites is based on the Department's new site standards to provide larger schools on smaller sites.

Future public education needs in this area will be met through the redevelopment and expansion of existing schools and the provision of new schools as required.

I understand that the SEPP (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006 land reservation acquisition map will need to be amended and I request that the Department of Planning and Environment facilitate this.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and your concurrence at your earliest convenience so that we can formally advise the various affected property owners.

Should you require any further information please contact Lesley Moodie, Director Schools Planning on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely


John Neish
Group Director, Planning and Strategy

16 June 2017



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CC: Fiona McDermott
Team Leader Release Areas

Re: 115 Crown Street Riverstone

As you may be aware, the above property was identified as a potential school site in the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) Indicative Layout Plan for Riverstone.

In June 2017, the Department of Education (DoE) informed DPE that the subject property is no longer required and DoE has relinquished its acquisition rights over the property.

I am aware that the owner of the subject property is in discussion with Council about a potential planning proposal to rezone the site.

The letter is to confirm that DoE does not have objection to rezoning the subject site from SP2 Infrastructure (Educational Establishment) to R2 Low Density Residential.

Further, I understand that Council has requested urban design advice on relationship between the remainder of the school site and a proposed subdivision as part of the planning proposal.

I have reviewed a concept plan of subdivision provided by the owner. I confirm that the DoE does not have objection to the remainder of the school site abutting the back of subdivided residential lots, provided that the back fences of these residential lots meet the DoE standard specification.

Should you require any further information regarding school planning in the North West Growth Centres, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely

Lesley Moodie
Director Schools Planning
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March 2018



Mr Trevor Taylor
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CC: Lucy Chen- A/Director School Planning SINSW

Dear Mr Taylor

Re: Riverstone – Proposed School Site 115 Crown Street

Thank you for your letter dated 10 July 2019.

The Department is aware of the increased density of residential development in the wider North West Growth Area including Riverstone. School planning is undertaken using the Department of Planning's population and dwelling forecasts which are regularly updated.

The decision to relinquish the one hectare of this proposed school site was in response to the Department's policy to reduce its optimal site sizes in line with its School Asset Strategic Plan and the high cost of acquiring land.

Previously in greenfield areas school sites were nominated as 3 hectares for primary and 6 hectares for high schools. These have been reduced to 2 and 4 hectares respectively. In higher density areas site sizes can be further reduced if located adjacent to shared open space.

The new model is to build bigger schools on smaller sites utilising more efficient planning and multi-level buildings. A 2 hectare site The Department is retaining its interest in the 2 hectare Crown Street site which is able to accommodate our largest size primary school of up to 1,000 students.

This area is currently serviced by Riverstone Primary School which would be expanded prior to any new school coming on line. There is good coverage in this part of Riverstone to respond with the provision of education infrastructure as required.

Should you wish to discuss this response please contact Lesley Moodie, Director School Planning on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Lesley Moodie
Director School Planning
July 2019