



Education

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Peter J Fitzgerald  
General Manager  
Cumberland Council  
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Dear Mr Fitzgerald,

We are writing to confirm our involvement in the re-zoning planning proposal being presented to Council by the NSW Government in respect of 80 Betty Cuthbert Drive, Lidcombe.

The Department of Education (the Department) has been working collaboratively with Property Development NSW (PDNSW) and Multiple Sclerosis Limited (MSL) to develop the proposal which includes provision of land for a potential new school. Planning has included early analysis of student enrolment projections together with site specific analysis of catchment alignment, traffic and transport needs and other early phase due diligence.

Once the planned re-zoning is complete, the Department will commence more detailed service need planning to identify the timing of projected population growth and the impact of enrolments in the short and medium term on current schools in the area. A business base would then need to be developed for consideration by NSW Treasury as part the budget process. Until a business case is approved, the Department is unable to provide a firm commitment to the timing of the provision of the new school on the site.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Harrison, Director, Infrastructure Planning at [mark.harrison62@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mark.harrison62@det.nsw.edu.au).

Yours sincerely,

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