

Our Ref: D2016/98013

Mrs Jessica Mesiti  
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Dear Mrs Mesiti,

**Development Application 879/2016 – Construction of an educational establishment at 650D Camden Valley Way, Gregory Hills**

Thank you for your letter dated 16 August 2016 inviting WaterNSW to comment on the development application (DA) for the construction of an educational establishment for 840 kindergarten to year six students, ancillary out of school hours care and associated site works at the above site.

WaterNSW owns and manages the Upper Canal corridor located to the northwest of the site. The location of the proposed development is approximately 300m away from the open waters of the Canal and upslope from the boundary of the Upper Canal corridor. Given this proximity, it is critically important that the development is designed and undertaken in a manner that prevents pollutants entering the Canal waters at any stage and avoids any increase in stormwater entering WaterNSW land.

WaterNSW acknowledges that stormwater runoff from the development site will be conveyed by the road stormwater network to an existing farm dam which will be reshaped and used for detention and water quality. These works are part of the approved DA 1024/2013 for which WaterNSW previously provided comments (Our Ref. D2013/117384). WaterNSW requests that there is ongoing maintenance of the detention pond during and after construction to prevent sedimentation build up and any potential overflows being conveyed to the adjacent Upper Canal corridor.

The Engineering Assessment Report states that the peak stormwater discharge from the post-development site is not expected to exceed the peak pre-development flows. WaterNSW supports this approach to minimise any increase in stormwater flows entering the Upper Canal corridor.

WaterNSW requests that any approval of this development includes the following conditions:

- The works shall be designed, constructed and operated in such a way that to ensure that water quality in the WaterNSW Upper Canal is not adversely affected.
- Post-development stormwater flows shall be no greater than pre-development stormwater flows where such flows enter the WaterNSW Upper Canal corridor.

WaterNSW requests that Camden Council continue to notify us of all DAs on land adjacent to the Upper Canal corridor due to the potential impact development could have on water quality and the water supply infrastructure in the corridor.

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact Alison Kniha on 4724 2451 or [alison.kniha@waterNSW.com.au](mailto:alison.kniha@waterNSW.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Hughes'.

**MALCOLM HUGHES**  
**Manager Environment and Planning**

1/9/16