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**Matthew Wood**  
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**DA 2016/524 (20/12798)**



18 February 2020

Ms Gina Davis  
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via email: Gina.Davis@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Davis

**Re: Site Compatibility Certificate – Seniors Housing  
Lot 239 DP 1201225, No. 67 Skennars Head Road, Skennars Head**

I refer to your email dated 31 January 2020 regarding the above mentioned matter.

In addition to Council's prior correspondence to the Department on the site compatibility certificate dated 20 August 2018 and 18 October 2018, the following information is provided to assist in the consideration of the current request for a site compatibility certificate.

Post Council's October 2018 correspondence to the Department, site hydrology and groundwater management related issues were identified as matters requiring further consideration in the assessment of DA 2016/524.

The assessment of these matters has not concluded as Council has held DA 2016/524 in abeyance pending the resolution of the site compatibility certificate. However, in response to this issue, the applicant has installed piezometers on the site to gather information to inform the consideration of site hydrology. Council also considered potential conditions that might be suitable in relation to site hydrology but did not reach a final position before assessment of the DA was placed on hold.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. If you have any enquiries in regard to this matter please contact me on telephone 6686 1254.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Wood  
**Director**  
**Planning and Environmental Health Division**