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CC: Fadi Shakir – Senior Planning Officer

Dear Alexander,

DA 21/15298 - PENRITH LAKES HELIPAD | REVISED PROJECT SCOPE

On behalf of Heliport Developers Pty Ltd (Sydney Helicopters), we refer to Development Application DA21/15298 for the proposed construction and operation of a Helipad at 89-151 Old Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh, within the Penrith Lakes Scheme (the Site).

The DA was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) on the 12 November 2021. During the assessment period of the application, the Applicant has undertaken minor works at the Site to ensure it is suitable for the storage of the Applicants existing helicopter fleet, having previously been forced to relocate due to the resumption of their facility at Clyde for the Sydney Metro Project.

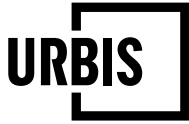
The works as undertaken were included in the development scope for DA 21/15298. Having now been complete, the project scope for DA 21/15298 is now required to be revised noting that the DPE is unable to provide consent for the works retrospectively. The works as carried out on Site included the following:

- Demolition of one existing single story shed and associated pavement;
- Removal of one existing inground water storage tank;
- Removal of one flood light;
- Reinstatement of grass turf following removal of hardstand and pavement;
- Construction of new concrete hardstand; and
- Minor earthworks associated with the above.

As noted above, the works on Site were undertaken to ensure that the Applicants helicopter fleet were able to be suitably stored and maintained. Noting this, the Applicant is now formally requesting that the development description for DA 21/15298 be revised to the following.

Construction and operation of a helipad facility, comprising the following:

- Demolition of one existing single storey shed;



- Removal of 12 trees;
- Instillation of new lighting as required for the FATO; and
- Instillation of new above ground aviation fuel tank.

The operational details of the proposed helipad are as follows:

- A maximum of 25 flights per day;
- 7 days per week operation; and
- Operating hours from first light to 10:00pm.

We note that the revised scope of the application now requires less construction works on Site, and as such is considered less environmentally invasive than the original proposal. Noting this, and that no new aspects of the application is proposed, the existing submitted information and assessment undertaken by the DPE remains adequate. As a result we do not anticipate any additional environmental assessment of the proposal is required.

With regard to the complete works on Site, the Applicant is currently finalising appropriate documentation and plans with their utilised certifier to ensure that all works have been appropriately carried out to Building Code of Australia (BCA) standard. Upon finalisation of this documentation it will be provided to the DPE for their consideration.

We trust that the above information is appropriate in outlining the work that has been carried out to date and allows the DPE to formally revise the project scope for DA 21/15298.

Should you require any additional information with regard to the proposed revision to the project scope of DA 21/15298 please do not hesitate to reach myself at the undersigned, or John Wynne on 02 8233 9937.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JBooth".

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