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## **Darlington Public School Redevelopment (SSD-9914) Alternative ESD Certification**

On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, School Infrastructure NSW (“SINSW”) and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (“DPIE”) implemented an alternative Ecological Sustainable Development (“ESD”) certification process.

State Significant Development (“SSD”) Condition **E13** of the development consent for the Darlington Public School Redevelopment (the “Project”) development consent states:

- E13. Unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary, within six months of commencement of operation, Green Star certification must be obtained demonstrating the development achieves a minimum 4 star Green Star Design & As Built rating. If required to be obtained, evidence of the certification must be provided to the Certifier and the Planning Secretary. If an alternative certification process has been agreed to by the Planning Secretary under condition B8, evidence of compliance of implementation must be provided to the Planning Secretary and Certifier.

The alternative ESD certification provides assurance that SINSW projects are consistent with Australian’ best practice and ESD principles.

Introba Consulting, ESD consultant for the Project developed a Sustainable Development Plan (“SDP”) outlining the sustainability targets for the Project and a pathway to achieve these targets. This plan was reviewed by SINSW Sustainability team to ensure alignment with SINSW’s Educational Facilities Standards and Guidelines (“EFSG”) and with Australian sustainability best practice.

A.W. Edwards, Head Contractor, has overseen the ESD implementation process, and was responsible for collecting and collating ESD evidence throughout the project. Steensen Varming, the independent ESD consultant, verified the ESD requirements were met at key milestones throughout the project phases.

At the Project’s completion, the contractor’s ESD consultant compiled all ESD related information in a Sustainable Development Report (“SDR”). This report demonstrates that the Project has met ESD targets.

The SDR and the ESD evidence file have been verified and validated by the SINSW’s Independent ESD consultant. The Independent ESD consultant issued a certificate of compliance to SINSW on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. A copy of the certificate of compliance is attached/enclosed.

Based on the outcome of the Independent ESD consultant's review, the Project has fulfilled the alternative ESD certification process requirements and meets the ESD Rating benchmark as per SSD Condition **E13**.

Yours sincerely,

*Meg Lupton*

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## Annex A - SINSW Sustainability Review Checklist

### Project ESD Consultant

- Sustainable Development Report has been provided by the Project ESD consultant.
- Green Star schedule is complete.
- EFSG Schedule is complete.

### Independent ESD Consultant

- Sustainable Development Report review has been provided by the Independent ESD consultant, comprising statement of compliance.
- Outstanding issues have been discussed with the Independent ESD consultant.

### Project Director

- Documentation is available and stored with the project documentation.
- Sustainable Development Report review, with no outstanding items, has been presented in a meeting by the Independent ESD consultant to:
  - Manager, Sustainability, SINSW, and
  - Project Director, Infrastructure Delivery, SINSW.
- Assurance was provided in the meeting that all outstanding items have been addressed and finalised by the ESD Consultant.

