

17 August 2020

Kempsey Shire Council  
PO Box 3078  
West Kempsey NSW 2440

Attn: General Manager

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **SUBMISSION TO LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT**

School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW), as part of the Department of Education (DoE), welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Kempsey Shire Council's draft Your Future Macleay - Growth & Character Local Strategic Planning Statement (draft LSPS).

SINSW is supportive of the overall direction and actions contained in the draft LSPS, subject to ongoing collaboration between SINSW and Council to ensure infrastructure provision aligns with growth through to 2040.

#### Growth Impact on Teaching Spaces:

The draft LSPS predicts that from 2020 to 2036, the total population of the Kempsey Local Government Area (LGA) will increase from 30,041 people to 34,148 people. New homes to support this growing population are noted within the draft LSPS as to be provided in localities including Kempsey, South West Rocks, Crescent Head, Frederickton and Stuarts Point.

SINSW uses population and dwelling projection data provided by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) as the basis for school planning. SINSW assesses schools within an area or region to identify the best way to distribute student numbers and deliver new and upgraded facilities.

Based on this, SINSW requests that consultation between SINSW and Council occur before the finalisation of future strategic directions and planning proposals that will increase the residential population of the LGA. This is to ensure appropriate resourcing is provided for local schools.

#### Joint and Shared-Use Opportunities

There is an opportunity for the draft LSPS to include an additional action recommending Council work with SINSW to provide joint or shared use facilities. SINSW seeks to explore and implement such facilities with Council where there is a mutual benefit for the school and the local community. However, this is subject to timing, funding and a Memorandum of Understanding being developed between the parties.

### Infrastructure Delivery

There is an opportunity for the draft LSPS to include an additional action which requires Council to update its developer contributions framework to explicitly exempt public schools from the payment of contributions.

This request is sought on the basis DoE provides essential social infrastructure for the direct benefit of the local community. SINSW also requests Council's relevant contributions plan should include requirements for public domain, transport and other infrastructure works required to support public schools in the LGA. Further, it is requested that Council support the collection of contributions to deliver school infrastructure as part of any special infrastructure contribution (SIC).

### Transport

There is an opportunity for the draft LSPS to include an additional action which requires Council to develop innovative transport solutions with a range of stakeholders that seek to increase alternative transport options to support sustainable travel to school. SINSW is seeking to be a party to these discussions and initiatives, where appropriate.

### Heritage

The draft LSPS includes an action to review and update the inventory of colonial and post-colonial cultural heritage sites in the Kempsey Shire. SINSW is supportive of this action and requests that heritage listings and maps contained to the *Kempsey Local Environmental Plan 2013* (KLEP 2013) consider SINSW schools.

Often, only a portion of the site or school development contains elements or fabric of heritage significance. SINSW requests that heritage listings and mapping contained to the KLEP 2013 only reflect the elements of significance rather than the entire site. This will ensure vital alterations and additions to non-heritage significant school elements can be carried out as exempt or complying development under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017*, where appropriate.

Should you require further information about SINSW or this submission, please contact Jarred Statham at [Jarred.Statham2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Jarred.Statham2@det.nsw.edu.au).

Yours Sincerely,



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