## INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROGRAM

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Nation Building and Jobs Plan Act Review Level 13, 55 Hunter Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Review Panel

Re: Submission - Implementation of the Nation Building and Jobs Plan in NSW and Potential Applications for Other Projects

Council wishes to provide the following comments in relation to the above, as per the Terms of Reference outlined:

1. The Effectiveness of the NSW Nation Building and Jobs Plan (State Infrastructure Delivery) Act 2009 in facilitating the implementation of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan in NSW

No comment

2. The Exercise by the Coordinator General of the functions conferred by the Act in accordance with section 30 of the Act

No comment

3. The legal and economic benefits and consequences of applying the principles of this legislation, and the manner in which it has been implemented, to other significant projects of classes of projects in NSW

Community unrest in relation to a lack of consultation prior to applications being determined. Communities would prefer to make comment on applications prior to determination. Public notification of proposals, which would give the consent authority the ability to consider any submissions prior to determination, would offset these concerns.

4. Options and mechanisms for applying the principles should they be applied to such projects or classes of projects in NSW

Consideration should be given to the following:

 Prior to an application being made under the current legislation or any future legislation that is similar, it should be mandatory for an applicant to submit the proposal with all relevant documentation to the relevant Council/Consent Authority for planning and related advice/information and proposed conditions of consent or reasons for refusal.

This would ensure the consent authority that is not the Council, has relevant information to assess any proposal in its local context.

The service as described above should be available for a fee as set by the Council/Consent Authority to ensure the Council does not carry the financial burden relating to the provision of this service.

Yours faithfully

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