



Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation

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Mr Michael Woodland
Director Urban Assessments
NSW Department of Planning
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Dear Mr Woodland

National Indigenous Development Centre (NIDC)—Development Contributions

I am writing to progress the discussions to date regarding the Indigenous Land Corporation's (ILC's) abovementioned project and Condition of Approval B2 requiring the payment of a levy of \$598,749 in accordance with the Redfern Waterloo Authority (RWA) Development Contributions Plan.

Pursuant to Clause 16 of the RWA Development Contributions Plan, the ILC seeks that the Minister for Planning use his discretion to amend the conditions of approval under Section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to offset the required development contribution (Condition B2) to acknowledge the provision of significant material public benefit in the form of the capital works comprising the NIDC project.

As detailed in the NIDC Environmental Assessment, the NIDC will deliver a range of material public benefits to the local Indigenous and non-Indigenous community within the Redfern-Waterloo area. The NIDC objectives are to create long-term social, educational, cultural and economic benefits for Indigenous people. The objectives of the NIDC project are complementary to the NSW State Plan Priorities, specifically in achieving the following outcomes:

- P4—More people participating in education and training throughout their life
- E8—More people using sporting and recreational facilities
- F1—Improved health and education for Aboriginal people

The project benefits begin with the capital investment in community infrastructure and continue through to the wide-ranging sporting, educational, social, arts and recreational programs that will operate therein.

Attached is a table that provides a summary of the capital infrastructure associated with the NIDC that we believe will deliver material public benefits to the community. The value of the material public benefit that will be created through the provision of capital works totals \$16,994,214. The ILC seeks to offset the entire development levy of \$598,749 with the value of the works detailed in the attached table.

I look forward to your favourable consideration of the ILC's request. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ashley Martens, ILC Director of Capital Works, on telephone (07) 3854 4600 should you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Galvin', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

DAVID GALVIN
General Manager