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General Manager
PO Box 19
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Re: Exemption S94 Contribution – La Salle Academy

Dear Sir,

We have recently received development consent (DA161/12) for the construction of a multi-purpose hall at La Salle Academy, 96 Rabaul Street, Lithgow.

DA(9) requires that prior to commencement of any building work we are required to pay Council a Section 94 contribution of \$16,335.80 in accordance with Council's Section 94A Development Contribution Plan 2012.

We note that Council may consider exempting development or components of development from the Section 94A plan if the development, as in C7(k), is for privately funded community infrastructure such as educational facilities.

Our development at La Salle Academy fits the above category. It is proposed to construct a multipurpose hall of around 500 m². It will contain a large assembly area that will accommodate approximately 480 people. The hall will be extensively used for performance related curricula such as drama, dance and music. The hall will also provide valuable meeting spaces and will contain modern ICT infrastructure which will be valuable for school and community presentations. It will be available for community use.

La Salle Academy has always been receptive to community use of its facilities. For many years it allowed local rugby league clubs full use of its oval in the Group 10 trial period until the expansion of school buildings no longer made this possible. It also allowed cricket clubs the use of its cricket nets for practice sessions throughout the season until the land was earmarked for the present hall.

At present, the school allows community use of its Gymnasium facility for community sporting groups including netball and women's soccer. It also currently permits a local boxing association to use space for the development of boxing skills to young people across all local schools. The new Trade Training Centre is also available for industry use.

In short, the school has always been well regarded for its generous offering of its facilities to local organisations.

The funding of the hall will be entirely met at a local level. This is not a government funded project. The budget for the project is tight and the school has borrowed extensively to assist in funding this facility.

We would therefore be very appreciative if Council would consider exemption of the Section 94 contribution in whole or in part.

If you require further information on this, please don't hesitate to contact me or the School Principal, Mr John Emms.

Yours sincerely



Brian Morrissey
Head, Administration
(Manager, Capital Works)