

To: Robyn Stutchbury and Kevin Phillips

Thank you for your email of 17 December 2010 and your kind wishes for 2011 on behalf of the Friends of Cunningham's Reach (FOCR). I note the concerns of FOCR are in relation to the University's proposed replacement of the Sydney University Boat Club shed that was destroyed by an arson attack in 2006.

I am sorry that you feel that the University has a lack of transparency on this project. I would like to say, it is certainly not the University's intention to be seen as a 'stone wall of silence'.

When the Development Application was withdrawn in late 2009, I directed Campus Infrastructure & Services (CIS), on behalf of the club to reassess the following process:

- the need for the boatshed
- the requirements of the boatshed (building area, facilities, height and grounds)
- alternate sites, namely; the former Linley Point site and the Cunningham Reach site; and
- the design of the boatshed (including selection of the Architect).

Other demands on the University resources and our need to ensure other possible sites were investigated with the various authorities involved in controlling waterfront land (suitable for a rowing facility), resulted in the above tasks taking longer than anticipated.

I can understand that it may have appeared that the University was not informing FOCR of the outcome of those tasks, whereas, in reality the tasks have not been completed.

The process is nearing a position where a constructive dialogue could be commenced with the community and other stakeholders, and the University recognises FORC as a key participant. The consultation that will be undertaken will see the kind of transparency I referred to in my address to the alumni group. I expect you will be contacted in the coming weeks to commence that consultation.

The University is committed to working very closely with all local stakeholder groups on this project; this will be evident in the stakeholder consultation and communication planned for the project.

Should you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Director CIS, Mr Colin Rockliff. You can reach Colin through his Executive Assistant, Rosie Biasi, on 9351 3245. Alternatively, you can email him at [colin.rockliff@sydney.edu.au](mailto:colin.rockliff@sydney.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

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