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Dear Professor Scott Bowman,

Re: Charles Darwin University Campus under construction

Thank you for your reply dated 30 April 2021 to our letter regarding the energy efficiency performance of the new campus under construction.

Your response is encouraging and the confirmation that the project will be compliant with all aspects of NCC Section J is to be commended.

We appreciate your willingness to engage on this issue with us. We have the following questions that we are hoping you can provide answers for:

1. Which version of NCC Section J is being referred, the current version is NCC 2019?
2. Given that NCC Section J compliance is typically verified on a project by the building certifier can CDU confirm who is responsible for the verification of Section J on this landmark project? Noting that Section J is not mandatory in the NT, it is unclear how compliance for projects that voluntarily comply with Section J in the NT address the issues of on-site verification of compliance during the construction phase.
3. Will CDU publicly commit to full compliance with NCC Vol 1 Section J 2019 including confirmation of the verification process by a person independent of the design team?
4. Your response refers to compliance with Green Star and other compliance rating schemes in part, however in part compliance and selective benchmarking is not a valid method of advertising a known and trusted rating to the public, nor does it provide a level of confidence that public funds are being used to demonstrate innovation in the area of energy efficiency. Will CDU be seeking to develop a Green Star or other 'internationally recognised benchmarked' accredited building?
5. Your response indicates that extensive building modelling has been performed on the current, form and orientation and shading of the design. Given that many of the public objections in response to the planning consent application were in reference to the form and orientation and extensive west facing glazing to the large atrium space, has energy modelling been performed on alternative forms, levels of shading and orientation to ascertain and promote the advantages of orientation and form in relation to energy performance?

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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