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**LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM
URBANGROWTH NSW, TAFE NSW AND
SETTLEMENT SERVICES INTERNATIONAL**



18 September 2017

Allison Heller
Manager Social Strategy
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City of Sydney

Dear Allison,

CEAD/ Food Incubator

I am writing in support of the Food Incubator Project following our meeting with the City of Sydney, the University of Sydney and TAFE NSW at the CEAD Centre.

This proposed concept of a food incubator that supports start-up businesses that create value-added food products, is well aligned with our Central to Eveleigh Urban Transformation Strategy. One of the Strategy's objectives is to respond to economic, social and climatic changes in ways that benefit quality of life and the quality of the environment – a place that harnesses new opportunities to enrich the community.

Exploring ways to support local food production, employment and economic development opportunities are important strategic directions to achieve this objective. We currently have two partnership projects exploring the possibilities in this area.

We have partnered with Macquarie University, University of Technology and Sydney University to support a research project into how local food ecologies can be integrated into urban renewal planning. It will explore different models of local food ecologies have positive social, economic and environmental outcomes can model how these can be enabled through a rezoning process. These models would include a mix of community gardens, food hubs, markets, green walls, edible commons and the proposed food incubator could be an example of an integral part of a successful ecology.

UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation has also been working closely with TAFE NSW to activate the Yaama Dhiyaan building in Eveleigh to create the CEAD centre. This Centre grows employment and enterprise pathways with Industry partners, centred around food and creativity. Future connections between the food incubator and the CEAD centre, particularly TAFE NSW's training and expertise, would positively contribute to the success of both projects.



The CEAD centre is based in a building owned by RailCorp and licenced to UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation. We have sub-licenced the building to TAFE NSW until mid-2018 and are discussing with TAFE NSW how to further support them to engage with the food incubator.

We look forward to collaborating with the City of Sydney on these projects and see the benefits of a food incubator and the contribution it can make to the local community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Driscoll".

Steve Driscoll
Interim CEO
UrbanGrowth NSW Development Corporation



CEAD/Food Incubator

Allison Heller
Manager Social Strategy
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City of Sydney

Dear Alison

I am writing in support of the Food Incubator Project after our meeting with the City of Sydney, University of Sydney and Urban Growth NSW.

TAFENSW is keen to partner with you on this innovative an innovative response to the demonstrated issue of food Insecurity in Greater Sydney through providing

- 1) training as the Registered Training Organisation and
- 2) access to the CEAD centre as a site for the Food Incubator activities.

The CEAD (Community Education and Arts Development) Centre aims to:

1. Develop education, employment and enterprise pathways and outcomes for local communities
2. Establish sustainable industry and community partnerships
3. Encourage vibrant communities by hosting diverse events, workshops, seminars and community initiatives.

The CEAD programs focus on building capacity, facilitating vocational skills and connecting social enterprises that offer opportunities for many diverse communities. Our TAFE NSW teachers are highly skilled with a wealth of experience in tailoring programs to the needs of students with complex barriers. CEAD partners include: Two Good Food, Fernside Food Project, TABLE, Youth Food Movement and Gardiners Lodge. Many local residents are already being skilled , mentored and employed from this innovative site activation.

TAFE NSW welcomes the formalising of a partnership with the City of Sydney and University of Sydney to nurture the Food Incubator project. TAFE NSW will:

- connect the Food Incubator to the existing broader CEAD social enterprise ecosystem
- provide access to the CEAD facilities as available at our cost recovery rates.

- provide vocational training in a range of disciplines including Hospitality and Micro Enterprise tailored to the Incubator's client's needs,

TAFE NSW acknowledges that additional resources, staff, student recruitment, evaluation and research provided by the Food Incubator will be essential to further nurture the unique ecology of social enterprises and sustainability initiatives already thriving in the CEAD centre.

We look forward to collaborating with you and your partners over the term of the project to contribute to addressing food insecurity from the ground up. We believe that the Food incubator can create a significant contribution to the education, prosperity, health and well being of Sydney communities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information

Yours sincerely

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To whom it may concern,

Settlement Services International is a community-based not-for-profit organisation providing a range of services in the areas of [refugee settlement](#), [migrant support services](#), [asylum seeker assistance](#), [housing](#), [multicultural foster care](#), [disability support](#), [employment services](#) and [youth support](#) in NSW.

SSI is committed to ensuring that people in vulnerable communities in NSW are supported and resourced to fulfil their potential as members of the Australian community.

SSI has been approached by Luke Craven, from Sydney University to be part of their ARC linkage bid for a Food Incubator, to be established in the City Of Sydney.

SSI already enjoys a strong working relationship with the City of Sydney Council and welcomes the opportunity to further strengthen the partnership.

The proposed project, I believe fits well with SSI ethos and other program in employment and business development, currently managed by SSI.

As an example, funded by SSI, the Ignite Small Business Start-ups initiative facilitates business creation for people from refugee backgrounds who are keen to establish a small business or expand an existing one.

SSI believes that Food Incubator initiative has great potential in addressing the needs of the disadvantaged. We welcome the opportunity to be part of the process that will shape the operational model.

Should this project proceed, SSI is willing to share our expertise and other resources in the design and implementation of this project.

If you require further information, please contact Joseph Ferrer – Business Development Manger, on 0418418634 or jferrer@ssi.org.au

Warm regards



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