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Ms Susan Caldis
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The Geography Teachers' Association of NSW
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Dear Ms Caldis

I refer to your letter received on 14 November 2013 requesting that the Board of Studies expedite the development and implementation of NSW K–12 Geography syllabuses incorporating the Australian curriculum.

It is a syllabus development priority of the Board to ensure that there is an appropriate learning continuum in Geography for all students from Kindergarten to Year 10. The timeline established for the development of a new Geography K–10 syllabus reflects the experience of the Board in developing the new English, Mathematics, Science and History K–10 syllabuses for the Australian curriculum.

In order to fulfil its ongoing aim of producing syllabuses of the highest quality for NSW students, the Board will follow its proven syllabus development process in the development of the new Geography K–10 syllabus. This process includes broad consultation with the range of stakeholders in NSW.

At this stage, it is anticipated that the writing phase for the new syllabus will commence early in 2014. Planning for the development of the syllabus includes statewide consultation during 2014.

Education sectors in NSW will be consulted in determining an implementation schedule for the new syllabus that is manageable for schools. Teachers will be provided with appropriate time to familiarise themselves with the new syllabus and to develop suitable teaching programs prior to implementation.

In relation to the development of new senior courses, the Board has not yet determined how Australian curriculum content can be effectively adapted and incorporated into the NSW senior secondary curriculum structure.

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The Geography Teachers' Association of New South Wales is a key stakeholder in the Geography K–10 syllabus development project. The Association will have a range of opportunities to provide input and feedback through the Board's established processes.

I look forward to working with the Association during the development of the K–10 Geography syllabus for the Australian curriculum.

Yours sincerely



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President

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