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Attention: Teresa Gizzi

Dear Mr. Gibson

New Macksville Hospital, Old Coast Road, North Macksville (SSD 9103) Notice of Exhibition

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 July 2018 requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) comment on the above State Significant Development (SSD) Application, currently on exhibition.

The proposal involves the redevelopment of Macksville Hospital on a greenfield site, which would involve the design and construction of a new hospital and associated services with a capacity of 58 beds, an operating theatre, procedure rooms, 10 recovery bays and 8 day-procedure bays. The proposal would also include car parking and provision of areas for future expansion.

The relevant documents have been reviewed and the following comments provided:

- The Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) states that the hospital should be included in existing bus services in the Macksville area. Further investigation should be conducted into the capacity of existing services and impacts of the development on these services. Consultation should be undertaken with Busways (the bus operator) should be undertaken regarding this issue.
- The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and TIA notes that between 8 and 25 bicycle parking spaces will be provided. The location of these bicycle racks are unclear in the architectural plans provided. Bicycle parking facilities should be conveniently located and end of trip facilities provided for the convenience of those people using bicycles.

These comments, which have been expanded upon, can be found in **TAB A** and recommended conditions of consent have been provided in **TAB B**.

In addition to the above, the Integrated Planning section within TfNSW has recently released *Guidelines for Public Transport Capable Infrastructure in Greenfield Sites*. As the guidelines are focused on the delivery of infrastructure in Greenfield sites it would be beneficial for the design of the site to be reviewed against these guidelines, which would assist in providing infrastructure capable of accommodating any future public transport.

If you require further clarification regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact Lee Farrell, Transport Planner at lee.farrell@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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TAB A

Existing Bus Services

Comment

The TIA states the development will require upgrades of public transport services to include the new hospital site in the existing bus routes. However, no analysis is presented on the current capacity of existing services and the impact the development would have on the services.

The TIA also indicates a proposed hospital bus stop in the plans. However, this will only be useful if the current trunk buses running along the Pacific Highway are diverted into the new hospital site, which would add approximately 1.5 to 2 km to each trip. Consultation should occur with Busways (the bus operator) to evaluate the impact of this diversion and include recommendations regarding the modification of services as appropriate for the development.

Recommendation

Conduct further investigation into the capacity of existing public transport services and the potential impacts of the new development on these services.

The proponent should consult with Busways to evaluate the impact of the potential diversion of the bus routes and determine whether the services can be appropriately modified for the development. If bus services directly to the site are unfeasible, the proponent should investigate alternate ways to connect the hospital to the existing public transport services, i.e. through the provision of a shuttle bus service.

Bicycle Parking

Comment

The EIS notes the provision of 8 – 25 bicycle parking spaces. The location of these spaces is unclear in the architectural plans provided. The legend identifies the provision of the bicycle parking spaces, but they are not shown in the drawings. Bicycle parking should be conveniently located and provided in conjunction with end of trip facilities.

Recommendation

Confirm the location of the proposed bicycle parking spaces with end of trip facilities.

TAB B – Recommended Conditions of Approval

TfNSW requests that DP&E should include the following conditions if the proposed development is to be approved.

Green Travel Plan

Recommended Condition:

As part of the ongoing operation of the hospital, a detailed Green Travel Plan (GTP), which includes target mode shares for staff and visitors to reduce the reliance on private vehicles, shall be prepared. The GTP must be implemented accordingly and updated annually.

Reason:

To ensure sustainable transport outcomes and achieve the overall strategic planning objectives in the:

- Future Transport 2056 Strategy;
- Sydney's Bus Future 2013;
- Sydney's Cycling Future 2013; and
- Sydney's Walking Future 2013.