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Attention: Megan Fu

Dear Mr Keary

Byron Shire Central Hospital, Ewingsdale (SSD 6573)

Thank you for your letter dated 15 August 2014, requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to review and comment on the above development application. A separate response will be provided by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS).

TfNSW comments on the above development application are provided below:

Designated Parking for Patients

- TfNSW requests that designated parking spaces be provided for patients, in particular for patients visiting emergency department, chemotherapy services and maternity services. These parking spaces need to be provided in the nearest car parking areas to the treatment rooms to minimise the walking distance to/from treatment rooms.

Emergency Vehicle Access

- TfNSW requests that the proponent prepares an Emergency Management Plan in consultation with RMS and Byron Shire Council to minimise delays to emergency vehicle accessing the proposed hospital due to the following reasons:
 - Residents of smaller town and villages located in the Northern Rivers Regional area of NSW are reliant on access to the proposed hospital. Access to the proposed hospital is provided via Ewingsdale Road only. No other alternative access is available from Byron Bay and the Pacific Motorway to the proposed hospital. Any incidents on Ewingsdale Road would have the potential to delay the emergency vehicle (Ambulance) access to the hospital and its destination.

- The midblock performance of Ewingsdale Road section in the vicinity of the proposed hospital is expected to deteriorate from Level of Service D to Level of Service E over time due to the growth of background traffic in Byron Bay. This has the potential to cause delays to emergency vehicles accessing the proposed hospital.

Designated Taxi Pick Up and Drop Off Areas

- TfNSW requests that designated taxi pick up and drop off areas be provided within the hospital site.

Northern Rivers Regional Transport Plan

- No reference has been made to the TfNSW Northern Rivers Regional Transport Plan in the Transport and Accessibility SSD Report. In particular, the report should reference to the Northern Rivers Carpool (NRC). The NRC is an online service designed to encourage Northern Rivers region residents to share their journey with others to commute to and from locations within the region. This program is supported by various government agencies and educational establishments including the North Coast Area Health Service.

Construction Traffic Management Plan

- TfNSW requests that a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) be prepared prior to the commencement of construction. The CTMP needs to specify any potential impacts to general traffic, cyclists, pedestrians, bus services and bus facilities operating on roads within the vicinity of the site from construction vehicles during the construction of the proposed works. Should any impacts be identified, the duration of the impacts and measures proposed to mitigate these should be clearly identified and included in the CTMP.

Bike Parking

- TfNSW requests that the applicant provides bike parking facilities in accordance with relevant Australian Standards (AS2890.3 Bicycle Parking Facilities). Each bike parking facility shall be located in easy to access, well lit areas that incorporate passive surveillance.

Pedestrian and Cycle Path

- TfNSW requests that the applicant works with Byron Bay Shire council in developing a pedestrian/cycle path to extend existing shared path located east and west of the site along Ewingsdale Road to connect with the new hospital. This would encourage active transport to and from the hospital.

Bus Facilities

- TfNSW requests that the applicant provides bus facilities such as bus stops, access to bus stops etc. within the proposed hospital site in consultation with bus operators and Byron Bay Shire council.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide advice for the development proposal. If you require further clarification regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me on 8202 2198.

Yours sincerely



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