

11 April 2022

Attention: NSW Department of Planning and Environment

**Re: Ramsay Clinic Wentworthville Redevelopment
23-27 Lytton Street, Wentworthville NSW 2145**

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been informed by the project manager of the above mentioned redevelopment that the NSW Department of Planning and Environment are requesting that the floor height of level one in stage two be lowered to bring the overall building height down.

If this change to the plans were to occur, it would significantly impact our ability to adequately cater to the mental health needs of the community. The redevelopment has been designed to allow two units to connect together and increase, or decrease in size by the locking of compartmented areas.

For example, if there were two units that were both connected by sets of doors in compartments, doors in the compartments could be opened and closed to increase the size of one unit and decrease the size of the unit next to it.

The reason for having units that can change in size is to ensure that if there is higher demand for one service, we have the ability to meet that demand without turning mental health patients away. The existing unit in stage one where stage two is proposed to connect, already has demand that exceeds the size of the unit.

It is not always appropriate or safe for the cohorts of patients at the hospital to mix, for example young adolescents mixing with over 18s, or young vulnerable eating disorder patients with drug and alcohol patients. For this reason, putting overflow patients on a different unit until a bed becomes available is problematic.

This design allows us to flex with the needs of our patient cohorts and we strongly believe that this proposal will ensure that we can meet the needs of the community in a safe and innovative way, now and into the future.

Kind regards,



Natalie King
Chief Executive Officer
Ramsay Clinics Wentworthville and Macarthur