



## Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Fu,

### **Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for Tamworth Hospital Redevelopment (SSD 5204)**

I refer to your letter of 24 July 2012 regarding the above matter and advise the following comments by relevant agencies within the Department of Primary Industries.

The NSW Office of Water advises:

- The site has already been highly developed and disturbed, it is unlikely that groundwater will be intercepted during construction due to the depth of the water table.
- However, if groundwater is to be intercepted then a licence for temporary dewatering would be required under Part 5 of the *Water Act 1912*.
- Appropriate stormwater management techniques should be used to ensure stormwater is treated to an appropriate standard on-site prior to discharging from the site.
- Any stormwater detention basins must be constructed above the groundwater table or sealed with impermeable liners to prevent direct connection with the groundwater.

For further information please contact Christie Jackson, Planning and Assessment Coordinator (Tamworth office), on 02 6701 9652 or at: [christie.jackson@water.nsw.gov.au](mailto:christie.jackson@water.nsw.gov.au).

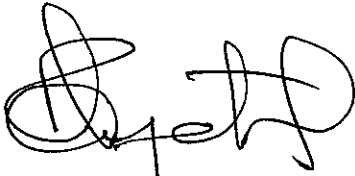
It is noted that the development plans also identify future works located on Crown land adjacent to the existing hospital site. The proponent should be advised that:

- the appropriateness of any such use will need to be assessed under the *Crown Lands Act 1989*,
- if the proposed use is considered appropriate, a lease or licence for such use will need to be issued under that Act prior to any occupation, and
- early contact in this regard should be made with the local office of Crown Lands.

The issue of such a lease or licence should be a prerequisite or condition to any future project approval issued by the Department of Planning & Infrastructure for these future proposed works.

For further information please contact David Baber, Projects Manager Regional Projects West (Dubbo office), on 02 6883 3326 or at: [david.baber@lands.nsw.gov.au](mailto:david.baber@lands.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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