

## 7.0 Consultation

During preparation of this development proposal consultation has been undertaken between February and September 2006 with the groups/agencies to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to have input into development on the site.

Issues and principles raised have been reviewed and integrated into the development proposal where appropriate.

### 7.1 Ryde City Council

Discussions have been held with the Council to inform them of the development. Two Pre lodgement Meetings were held with Ryde Council planning officers on 23 March and 11 May 2006. Details are included in **Appendix 2.3.2**

Council is generally supportive in accordance with the proposed plan. They have however identified that the basement car park protrudes more than 1.2m from the ground, at the south eastern corner of the site, effectively making it a 7 storey building within the recently revised Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance. Council advised at the time that they were prepared to vary this requirement under a SEPP 1 objection if it was demonstrated that it could be resolved through a landscaping solution similar to that used in the Goodman Fielder building adjacent.

### 7.2 Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service

Approaches have been made to Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Services with regards to strategic partnerships. Refer **Appendix 2.3.1**

### 7.3 Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney

Discussions have been held with Royal Ryde Rehabilitation Centre, currently located in Ryde, to provide rehabilitation services, both inpatient outpatient and community based programs. Refer **Appendix 2.3.1**

### 7.4 NSW Health and other Agencies

Consultation has been undertaken with NSW Health regarding the licences/ approvals required under the *Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres Act 1988*. Refer **Appendix 2.3.1**

### 7.5 Macquarie University

The following is a brief chronology of the process undertaken by the University in relation to the joint venture –

31st January 2006 - Macquarie University and Dalcross Holdings Pty Limited signed a Heads of Agreement to investigate the project.

5th May 2006 - Macquarie University Council received brief report on the proposal.

6th April 2006 - Macquarie Buildings and Grounds Committee approved the Hospital Design.

15th June 2006 - Finance Committee received the Business Case for a joint venture with Dalcross hospital to build a Hospital on the Macquarie University Research Park. Finance Committee deferred a decision so that members could consider the report in more detail.

29th June 2006 - Finance Committee resolved to recommend to the University Council that the project be approved.

30th June 2006 - University Council approved the joint venture with Dalcross to build a Hospital on campus.

3rd August 2006 - Macquarie University and Dalcross Holdings Pty Limited extended the Heads of Agreement to 31st December 2006.

10th August 2006 - University's Office of Business Development provided Finance Committee a progress report on the Hospital project. The report was accepted by Finance Committee.

The University has also actively undertaken assistance with community consultation.

## 7.6 Community Consultation

The applicant has engaged the community via a display of the architect's plans at the Macquarie Shopping Centre for one week in September, commencing 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006, and concluding on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2006. Macquarie University students were on hand to answer questions and hand out a brochure on the project. One thousand brochures were printed and handed out during the week. The brochure included reference to a website which contained the Media Release and a dedicated email address for questions regarding the project. The feedback from the shoppers at Macquarie Shopping Centre was almost 100% supportive of the hospital, particularly from the senior members of the community.

The Northern District Times newspaper included a news article on the project which reached a large number of residences in the local area - the email contact was included in the article.

The community consultation culminated in a community meeting at the University on the evening of 5th September 2006. The meeting included presentations by the architect, and senior executives of Macquarie University and Dalcross Hospital. Total attendance was 12 people. The meeting was positive with questions from the floor related to traffic studies, services provided by the hospital, car parking, etc. There were no objections to the hospital as it is a joint venture between an experienced private hospital operator and a leading university. As a specialist hospital and teaching facility, the operator will be focused on a number of areas of service delivery and the University on teaching in those areas of operational excellence. These areas will meet a demand for services, which is recognised by the relevant authorities and community. (Refer to **Appendix 2.3.3**)

## 7.7 Others

Approaches have been made to other agencies, including the Federal Minister for Health and Ageing, Federal and State Members of Parliament and Ryde Councillors. (Refer to **Appendix 2.3.5**)