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# Stormwater and Sensitive Urban Design Report for DA Submission Sydney Olympic Park Private Hospital PTW Architects

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# 1. Stormwater

The site consists of an asphalt car park and landscaped plating areas. The impervious surface area is approximately 46% of the total site area. A concrete dish drain and a series of grated inlet pits collect the surface water run-off. The grated pits are collected by an underground pipped drainage system and are discharged via a 375 $\Phi$  pipe to a stormwater pit on Olympic Boulevard.

Catchment areas external to the site discharge through this piped drainage system. Run-off from these external areas should be allowed for in the proposed development. The following table is a summary of the existing catchment areas and should be read in conjunction with the existing stormwater layout included in this report.

Existing catchment area information									
No.	AREA (m <sup>2</sup> )			Area (%)		Pit			
	Total	Imperv.	Perv.	Imperv.	Perv.	No.	RL	IL	Depth
2	2430	1250	1180	51%	49%	A02	111.85	110.05	1.8
3	485	370	115	76%	24%	A03	111.92	110.58	1.34
4	530	400	130	75%	25%	A04	112.09	110.66	1.43
5	680	270	410	40%	60%	A05	112.17	110.90	1.27
6	430	120	310	28%	72%	A06	112.25	111.10	1.15
7	870	470	400	54%	46%	A07	112.40	111.13	1.27
8	360	60	300	17%	83%	A08	112.28	111.02	1.26
Total	5785	2940	2845	51%	49%				

The existing downstream drainage system has adequate capacity for the proposed development.

The site is located within Auburn Council however SOPA is the consent authority for the stormwater drainage system. On-site detention in not a requirement of SOPA however they have indicated that any new development be sensitive to ESD principles. (Refer to Section 5 – Water Sensitive Urban Design)

## 2. Sewer

A sewer drainage system servicing the amenities at the western end of the parking structure is located within the proposed site area and diversions will be required prior to construction commencing. The site services concept drawing indicates the likely diversion routes. However the drawing shall be considered as conceptual only and shall be superceeded during the design phase by an appropriate Sydney Water Corporation (SWC) compliant diversion drawing document. The existing sewer system has adequate capacity for the proposed development.

## 3. Water

Potable and recycled water mains are located in the footpath reserve areas at the northern and western sides of the site in Sarah Durack Avenue and Olympic Boulevard.



# 4. Gas

Existing natural gas mains are located in the footpath reserve area at the northern end of the site in Sarah Durack Avenue.

# 5. Water sensitive urban design

Water sensitive urban design (WSUD) aims to minimise the impact urbanisation has on the natural water cycle. Stormwater management is a subset of WSUD with flood control and water quality objectives.

The purpose of WSUD is to:

- reduce and retard the volume of stormwater runoff
- reduce the pollutant loadings in stormwater runoff to the required performance objectives
- integrate stormwater management into the landscape

There is a variety of alternatives available for incorporating WSUD into a building project. However due to the nature of the site and it's relatively small associated catchment, only certain site specific and site suitable WSUD principles have been considered and they are listed below;

- bioretention planter boxes
- permeable pavements
- rainwater tanks

#### 5.1 Bioretention planter box



Planter boxes otherwise known as small bio-retention basins, are specifically designed to integrate gardens into the stormwater management systems of the site. Bioretention systems treat stormwater by percolation through a vegetated soil media (typically sandy loam). A planter box can create a nice aesthetic for a building, and can combine with a contemporary sculpture that conveys water from a downpipe to the box to add an architectural value. This type of system would be proposed at the Level 1 landscaped terrace area.



#### 5.2 Permeable pavements



Permeable pavements promote infiltration of stormwater runoff to either the soil below or to a sub-soil cell drainage system which is then conveyed to the general gravity stormwater system.

The structure of permeable pavements is relatively simple. They consist of the pavers, laid with a gap in between each paver, on a sand or fine gravel base with a layer of geotextile fabric between the base and a sub base of coarse aggregate or drainage cell where situated on an elevated slab. Pervious concrete and pervious gravel can also be considered a form of permeable pavements.

There are 2 main advantages of permeable pavements over traditional pavements; improved water quality through filtering, interception and biological treatment and flow attenuation through infiltration increasing run off lag times and therefore reducing peak run off flow rates.

The concept of permeable pavements is enticing, but careful design is required if the pavement requires vehicular traffic. Also, installation of permeable pavements alone will not meet the best practice targets for pollutant reductions as specified in the *Urban Stormwater: Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines* (Victorian Stormwater Committee, 1999)

#### 5.3 Rainwater tanks

Rainwater tanks are used for harvesting stormwater for reuse. They capture stormwater runoff, primarily from roof tops, and store it for reuse. Applications of reuse include garden watering and toilet flushing and cooling tower water make-up. This will effectively reduce the demand on reticulated potable water, while reducing the volume of stormwater runoff and the pollutants associated with the runoff.

#### 5.3.1 Site specific considerations

Rainwater tank(s) would be positioned above the ground to ensure the tanks overflow to naturally gravitate to the stormwater system. Tanks located below grade require the overflow to be pumped back up to the gravity system. This is not an energy efficient design practise as the incorporation of pumps increases the sites ongoing power usages (which can be quite significant as the overflow duty is equivalent to the catchment inflow) and therefore contradicts energy sustainable development philosophies. Due to the configuration of the building and it's limited ground floor space, the rainwater tanks would need to be positioned within the roof plant area and would be served by the plant roof catchments. Our site specific parameters indicate two available plant roof catchment areas totalling approximately 900m2. Based on the highest monthly average rainfall (March) of 131mm, this would indicate that a tank capacity of up to 118m3 could be utilised depending on available space.



### 5.4 Gross pollutant traps (GPT)

Gross pollutant traps (GPT) are used as a primary treatment measure to remove litter, debris and coarse sediments.

GPT's are advantageous in that they can be located underground in the form of a large drainage pit. They do, however, only remove a small portion of total phosphorous and total nitrogen from the runoff, only that which is attached to the coarse sediments being retained in the trap.

GPT's require regular manual maintenance to clean out the litter and debris, but are an ideal treatment for removal of unsightly gross pollutants as they have a very small footprint. Due to the configuration and the relatively clean nature of the proposed site, it is unsure whether GPT's will be useful. This will be reviewed further in the design development phase.



# Appendix A

Sedimentation and erosion control plan



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