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1 Introduction

Subsequent to the submission of the Environmental Assessment, (including the Draft Statement of Commitments), and the Response to Submissions Report, dated 14 April 2009, to allow for it's final detailed assessment of the Project and to address any outstanding matters, the NSW Department of Planning has requested further some information.

Through on-going communication with Department of Planning staff and the preparation of separate responses to any such requests, it is understood such that matters have now been satisfactorily addressed by the applicant. However, in order to incorporate these additional details into any determination, the subject Addendum to the previously submitted Response to Submissions Report, has been prepared.

2 Further Considerations

The following table summarises those further matters raised by the Department of Planning and how application has addressed such matters:

	Issue	Response
1	Traffic – Traffic modelling and further assessment regarding performance of Herbert St and Westbourne Street junction.	Refer to Memorandum, prepared by Hyder, dated 28th April 2009, as provided at Appendix A. The advice concludes that the intersection will operate successfully upon completion of the RNSH project. The modelling used in this assessment may be used to inform any further related studies.
2	Helipad – Location of helipad and whether any review was underway to change location,	No changes proposed. The existing helipad located on top of the existing Douglas building will be connect to the Acute Hospital building via a new dedicated rapid transit patient bridge link. The bridge link provides satisfactory access from the helipad to the Acute Hospital's operating theatres and has a direct connection to the specialist Burns Unit on the upper floors of the Douglas building. The applicant is unaware of any investigations to relocate the helipad.
3	Street Trees - Footpath and street tree planting works in Herbert St adjoining the Community Health Facility.	Street planting and footpath works is designed in accordance with the landscaping plans. The pavement and tree selections shall be designed in accordance with SC19 and SC39, (as amended). These Commitments have been amended to reflect the planting requirements of Council and also to acknowledge the proximity of the edge of the entry awning to the Community Health Building and the street tree line.
4	Stormwater Design – Clarification required with respect to reasons why storm water works, in excess of that already proposed, (as requested by Council), are not required.	Refer to Hyder Consulting letter dated 1st May 2009, provided at Appendix B. With respect to Council's recommended condition No.19, the advice concludes that the new pipe required by Council at the eastern portion of Westbourne Street extending north along Herbert Street, has already been constructed in conjunction with the recently completed Research Building. Recommended conditions 20 and 21 are accepted and are incorporated into the Project Commitments.

5	Courtyard Design: Further details of courtyard with respect to relative levels and fences.	Refer to Appendix C for drawings prepared by BVN. The landscaped courtyard is below the Westbourne Street level and will be separated by a fence/barrier of 2.1m in height constructed as part of the Research & Education Stage 3 works.
6	Car Parking: Allocation of proposed parking.	Refer to Appendix D for proposed parking plan. It is noted that the spaces shown without a related colour in the key, ie those white spaces, are those designated for taxi stands. These are located in front of the main entry to the hospital and on the west side of Reserve Road.
7	Car Share: Provision of Car Share spaces.	With respect to car share and Council Cab initiatives, rather than follow a strategy based on replacing what already exists, it is recommended that all such initiatives, be comprehensively considered as part of the in the Workplace Travel Plan. Whilst such initiatives have been catered for in the design, it is premature at this stage of the assessment to finalise such arrangements. Again, such matters are best left to the preparation of a Workplace Travel Plan.
8	Council Cab: Provision of spaces for Council Cabs.	Refer to 6 above.

3 Conclusion

This minor Addendum to the Response to Submission Report, dated 14 April 2009, is considered to fully address those further requests for information and the like.

It is therefore recommended that this document be referenced in any determination.

Appendix A Traffic – Memorandum, prepared by Hyder, dated 28th April 2009.

Appendix B Stormwater - Hyder Consulting letter dated 1st May 2009

Appendix C Courtyard - Drawings prepared by BVN.