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**HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES –
CONCEPT PLAN AND STATE SIGNIFICANT SITE LISTING – DIRECTOR
GENERAL'S REQUIREMENTS.**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to your letter of 11 November 2008 (Ref: MP 08_0227) requesting the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to provide details of key issues and assessment requirements regarding the abovementioned development for inclusion in the Director General's Environmental Assessment (EA) requirements.

The RTA would like the following issues to be included in the transport and traffic impact assessment of the proposed development:

1. It is noted that the Metropolitan Strategy has designated Hornsby as a Major Centre and a major focal point for regional transport connections and jobs growth. It is important that the development of Mental Health units at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital takes into consideration, and contributes to the achievement of, transport objectives contained in this and other high-level NSW Government strategies.

These strategies include the NSW State Plan, Urban Transport Statement and draft North Subregional Strategy. These policies share the aims of increasing the use of walking, cycling and public transport; appropriately co-locating new urban development with existing and improved transport services; and improving the efficiency of the road network.

By addressing both the supply of transport services and measures to manage demand for car use, the EA report should demonstrate how users of Mental Health units at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, will be able to make travel choices that support the achievement of relevant State Plan targets.

2. Daily and peak traffic movements likely to be generated by the proposed development including the impact on nearby intersections and the need / associated funding for upgrading or road improvement works (if required).

The key intersections to be examined / modelled include:

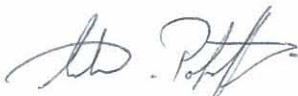
- Edgeworth David Avenue and Palmerston Road;
- Edgeworth David Avenue and Myra Street; and
- Edgeworth David Avenue and Jubilee Street.

However, the local intersections adjacent to the Hospital site should also be examined / modelled.

3. Details of the proposed accesses and the parking provisions associated with the proposed development including compliance with the requirements of the relevant Australian Standards (ie: turn paths, sight distance requirements, aisle widths, etc).
4. Proposed number of car parking spaces and compliance with the appropriate parking codes.
5. Details of service vehicle movements (including vehicle type and likely arrival and departure times).
6. The RTA requires the EA report to assess the implications of the proposed development for non-car travel modes (including public transport use, walking and cycling); the potential for implementing a location-specific sustainable travel plan (eg 'Travelsmart' or other travel behaviour change initiative); and the provision of facilities to increase the non-car mode share for travel to and from the site. This will entail an assessment of the accessibility of the development site by public transport.
7. The RTA will require in due course the provision of a traffic management plan for all demolition / construction activities, detailing vehicle routes, number of trucks, hours of operation, access arrangements and traffic control measures.

Further enquiries on this matter can be directed to the nominated Land Use and Transport Planner, Ravi Ravendra on phone 8849 2540 or facsimile (02) 8849 2918.

Yours sincerely



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