

Garvan St Vincent's Campus Cancer Centre

Project Application Proposed Community Information and Consultation Program

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1 Introduction

The Garvan Institute of Medical Research and St Vincents & Mater Health Sydney (SV&MHS) is proposing a major initiative called The Garvan St Vincent's Campus Cancer Centre (GSVCCC) and is preparing to lodge a Project Application with the NSW Department of Planning.

The Garvan St Vincent's Campus Cancer Centre Vision

To realise the promise of personalised medicine for cancer patients by creating a world-renowned facility where research findings move quickly into clinical care and clinical challenges drive laboratory research.

The GSVCCC will align Garvan's internationally acclaimed cancer research with the best practice cancer services at SV&MHS, one of Australia's leading teaching hospitals with a long history of providing a holistic approach to cancer care.

The GSVCCC will be housed in a new custom-built building on the St Vincent's Research Precinct in Darlinghurst Sydney and aims to improve cancer outcomes for all Australians.

The Centre will co-locate clinicians and researchers at the site to allow clinical challenges to directly drive laboratory research and enable research findings to be quickly translated into clinical applications for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of individual cancer patients.

The St Vincent's Research Precinct will include:

- ♥ SV&MHS (existing)
- ♥ Garvan Institute (existing)
- ♥ Centre for Applied Medical Research (existing)
- ♥ The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute (existing)
- ♥ The Garvan St Vincent's Campus Cancer Centre
- ♥ The National Institute of Virology (still in the planning stage)

It is anticipated that the Research Precinct will eventually house hundreds of researchers encompassing major disciplines essential to solving contemporary problems in medical and health research. As a result, it will take advantage of the economies of scale available through the sharing of major platform technologies in genomics, epigenomics, proteomics, bioinformatics, imaging, molecular and cellular biology, molecular pathology and microscopy and pool resources to achieve critical mass to tackle major research questions and speed innovation.

In the lead-up to the lodgement of a Project Application, KJA was engaged to prepare a program of community information and consultation opportunities to be offered immediately prior to and/or early in the public exhibition of the GSVCCC Project Application.



2 Proposed Program

A range of community information and consultation tools will be used to provide information and offer consultation opportunities to the local community about the GSVCCC's Project Application. These will be offered immediately prior to, or early in the exhibition period.

2.1 Letterbox Drops

A letterbox drop to approximately 2,800 households will be conducted.

The following information will be included in each information pack.

- A letter outlining the proposal and inviting recipients to attend one of two community information sessions.
- An information brochure.

2.2 Letter to Local Residents

The letter will outline the reasons for the project and how it fits with the overarching Concept Plan for the site. Through the letter, residents will be offered the opportunity to attend one of two community information sessions.

The letter will also include a 1800 information line for residents to call with any queries about the project. The 1800 information line will also allow them to register their interest in attending one of the community information sessions.

2.3 Project Information Brochure

Accompanying the letter will be a project information brochure which will explain the key features of the proposed new building. It will also include an image showing the design of the building.

2.4 Community Information Sessions

These information sessions will give local residents an opportunity to hear from the project team about how the proposed design was developed and what matters they took into account in developing the Project Application. Additional community information sessions will be offered depending on the level of interest from the local community.

2.5 Briefings

Local community groups will be notified of the information sessions and specific briefings offered as required.

2.6 Agency and Authority Consultation

Project representatives liaised with a number of agencies and authorities including the City of Sydney Council, NSW Ministry of Transport, NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and relevant utility providers.

Issues raised were embodied in the DGRs and responses are included in the technical reports provided to support this Application.