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22 October 2010

Mr Sam Haddad FVIPA MAICD

Director General

Department of Planning

23-33 Bridge Street

SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Haddad,

Re: Application Number: MP 10\_0050

Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) warmly welcomes the plan for the Westmead Millenium Institute/Westmead Research Hub development, and enthusiastically supports the location of this development adjacent both to our building and to the research facilities of Children's Hospital Westmead (CHW). We consider this to be a wonderful opportunity to create one of Australia's most outstanding medical research precincts. To this same end, CMRI has been planning a substantial redevelopment of its own building, for which the Instrument of Approval was signed by the Minister for Planning on 31 August 2009 (Major Project 08\_0159). The redeveloped CMRI building has been planned to integrate physically and functionally with the WMI and WRH buildings, in anticipation that they would be adjacent.

While the overall project has our strongest possible support, there are some aspects of the WMI/WRH plans that we consider do not reach the full potential of what could be achieved. We have discussed these concerns with our WMI colleagues and with the planning team, and understand that they are being considered.

Our concerns relate primarily to the entrances. The CMRI plans referred to above are based on the framework delineated by the 10 April 2008 master plan prepared by Health Projects International which shows a park/forecourt area at the front of the WMI and WRH buildings. NSW Dept of Health (DOH) stated that is their intention that the forecourt should be the focal point and the entrance area for the surrounding research buildings. At the request of DOH, and to form a visual link between the

buildings, CMRI completely reoriented its building plan so that the entrance will address the planned park area. We are aware that this forecourt area was subsequently removed from the WMI/WRH plans so that the building could be located away from a helicopter flight path, but we consider that it should nevertheless be possible to design an entrance that creates a visual connection between the research buildings.

The second concern relates to entry to the Westmead Research Hub (WRH) component of the building. In the current plan, the WRH facilities are distributed somewhat diffusely throughout the building. CMRI's view is that these facilities should have a discrete presence, with visual and functional delineation, which includes a clearly defined entry.

I reiterate that CMRI strongly supports the proposed redevelopment and wishes to ensure that this project reaches its full potential in contributing to the creation of an outstanding medical precinct of national and international significance.

Yours faithfully,

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