



Transport

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Attention: Peter McManus

Dear Mr Cavallo,

EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR SYDNEY SOUTHWEST PRIVATE HOSPITAL MP10_0091

I refer to your letter dated 25 October 2010 seeking comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed extension of the Sydney Southwest Private Hospital, Bigge Road, Liverpool. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to comment on this project.

The NSW Government has set a target of 20% of commuter trips to the Liverpool City Centre by public transport by 2016 in the NSW State Plan (2010). The assessment of a major project on a site located in the Liverpool City Centre provides a significant opportunity to contribute to this target.

TNSW is currently working with stakeholders on the draft Regional City Transport Strategy for Liverpool which will outline further actions to achieve State Plan targets and enhance the accessibility of the Liverpool City Centre. The strategy will build on the commitments outlined in the *Metropolitan Transport Plan – Connecting the City of Cities (MTP)*, which reaffirms support for Liverpool as a regional city.

TNSW and the Department of Planning is presently finalising a new Metropolitan Plan that will effectively integrate land use and transport into a single plan for Sydney. The Metropolitan Plan will incorporate the Government's transport commitments under the Metropolitan Transport Plan for the next 10 years and address the needs of Sydney over the next 25 years. Liverpool, together with the regional cities of Parramatta and Penrith, will play a key role in delivering employment and services to meet Sydney's growth.

In this context, Transport NSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment report (EA) and requests that a number of matters relating to the Director General requirement no. 4 -Transport and Accessibility Impacts be addressed. They are as follows:

- The proposal should more fully consider the generation of trips by employees,

patients and visitors, including their origins by mode of transport and how demand for travel to and from the development could be managed with increased use of public transport together with walking and cycling.

- The EA report should clarify how many car parking spaces are to be provided (e.g. 118 or 109 as stated in the report) and whether the car share or car pool spaces are included in this total number.
- TNSW recommends a minimalist approach to parking supply and innovative strategies to manage parking due to:
 - the site's high public transport accessibility;
 - the additional public and active transport enhancements committed in the *Metropolitan Transport Plan*;
 - the need to contribute to meeting the State Plan mode share targets; and
 - the need to support the objectives of the Liverpool Regional City Transport Strategy.
- A strategy for parking should be based on a comprehensive review of parking management alternatives, taking into account existing and planned public and active transport enhancements.
- The proposed 10 bicycle parking spaces should be reassessed, especially given that the existing building (with 233 staff) has no bicycle parking. The State Plan targets 5% of all trips of up to 10 km in length to be made by bicycle in 2016.

- With regard to the preparation of a Workplace Travel Plan (WTP), NSW Government supports the following types of measures for major employment generators: bulk purchase of public transport tickets at a discount rate, discounts on bicycle equipment or purchasing bikes for rental by employees; raising awareness of public transport, walking or cycling options and providing guides and local maps. Further WTP resources can be found at the Premier's Council for Active Living (PCAL) website (http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/workplace_travel_plan).

In particular, TNSW requests that if approval is granted to this application, any final statement of commitments or conditions of consent include:

1. Preparation of a workplace travel plan for future staff prior to the construction, having regard to
 - the Premier's Council for Active Living (PCAL) guidance (available at http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/workplace_travel_plan);
 - an analysis of the journey-to-work trips to be generated by the proposed development; and
 - the additional public and active transport enhancements committed in the *Metropolitan Transport Plan*; and

supporting walking, cycling, public transport, car sharing and minimal car parking provision. TNSW requests the opportunity to liaise with the proponent and to review the draft Work Place Travel Plan.

2. Provision of adequate bicycle parking spaces and level of amenities for staff at a convenient location on basement level 1 near the lifts to maximise surveillance, convenience and use. This provision should ideally aim to include the latent needs of the existing hospital staff;
3. Provision of visitor bicycle parking at the appropriate entrances to the development; and
4. The preparation of transport access guides prior to occupation and placed prominently within the development to guide future patients and visitors to the site.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Eva Cermak on 9268 2251 or email eva.cermak@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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