

21 January 2021

Mr Michael Cassel Secretary Department of Planning, Industry & Environment Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta NSW 2150

Dear Mr Cassel,

Re: Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment: Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)

Health Infrastructure (HI) is the applicant for the proposed Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment project located at Scenic Drive, Nowra.

The proposal is State Significant Development (SSD) for the purposes of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and clause 14(a) of Schedule 1 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 (SRD SEPP) as it involves development for the purposes of a hospital with a capital investment value in excess of \$30 million.

The purpose of this letter is to request Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) in accordance with Clause 3(1) of Schedule 2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed development. To support this request, a Scoping Report, providing an overview of the proposed development, the statutory context, and the key likely environmental and planning issues associated with the proposal, has been prepared by _planning Pty Ltd inclusive of Concept Architectural Plans prepared by Conrad Gargett.

We trust that the information detailed in the attached Scoping Report is sufficient to enable the Secretary to issue the SEARs for the preparation of the EIS. Should you wish to discuss or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Nicholas Dowman on 0403 977 113.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Wark

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