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## NEPEAN HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

### ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STATEMENT – S455 MODIFICATION UPDATES

#### INTRODUCTION

The following Architectural Design Statement describes the modification updates to the current design. Undertaken as part of BVN's ongoing commitment to pursuing the best design outcome, and consistent with the policies outlined in the Better Placed document prepared by the Government Architect of NSW, we recommend the changes to the Southern Façade to improve the way in which the Stage 1 tower relates to the existing campus Hospital Campus. In changing the Southern Façade colour from dark to light cladding, we intend to minimise the dominance of the 13-storey tower over the existing campus.

#### BETTER LOOK AND FEEL

Whilst the original concept of defining the building 'spine' as a strong element remains, the development of this phase of work has shown this to be reinforced greatly through the building's functional relationships (clinical & support spaces), and the internal circulation patterns as well as the way the Stage 1 and Stage 2 buildings will ultimately interface and therefore a more outwardly subtle approach can be pursued.

In the Southern Courtyard, which is the main external space accessible by both staff and patients, the change to a lighter cladding colour will help to provide an uplift to the user experience. The lighter colour palette will maximise the play of light and shadow across the façade, in a response more empathetic to the building's surroundings.

The grouping of windows along the main public corridor offers the users small events and moments of relief to look out across the Nepean Hospital Campus, and down to the activated courtyard below. In doing so, this aims to breakdown the length of the internal circulation zone and provide visitors with a visual connection back to the Hospital Campus.

The Stage 1 Building will be a significant new feature on the Nepean Hospital Campus. Modifications to the building expression have been considered with respect to the important civic role the building plays. We at BVN believe the lighter façade colour better defines the Stage 1 building 'in the round' and thus ensures that the existing Nepean Hospital Campus feels more connected to the new building and not excluded by feeling as if they are facing the 'rear' of the building.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Gibson'.

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