



**Health**

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**PHU Advice – Wollongong Private Hospital Expansion SSD-30240120**

Dear Ingrid

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application and my apologies for the delay in providing this advice.

The ISLHD Public Health Unit have reviewed the EIS and associated documents relating to the proposed expansion of the Wollongong Private Hospital and can provide the following advice: -

1. Development in the vicinity of a hospital increases the risk of hospital acquired infections due to disturbance and increased dust, including increased risk of aspergillosis. It is recommended that the facility undertake a risk assessment and apply additional controls and enhanced cleaning in the facility during construction. Relevant guidelines to support risk assessment include the SESLHD Procedure for Infection control during construction, renovation and maintenance SESLHDPR/374 and the Australasian Health Facilities Guidelines.
2. There is an increased risk of contamination of the cooling water system at the Wollongong Private Hospital during the works, which should be addressed in a new risk assessment to prevent the possible growth of legionella bacteria.
3. The installation of new cooling water systems and warm water systems must be carried out in accordance with the NSW Public Health Act 2010 and Australian/ New Zealand Standard 3666.1 and must have a first risk assessment completed prior to the commencement of operation.
4. The development should otherwise be carried out in accordance with good environmental practice that is protective of health by controlling the generation of noise, dust and pollution as much as practical and within statutory limits.

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Yours sincerely



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