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RE: Cumberland Westmead Integrated Mental Health Centre – Flood Mitigation – Domestic Water Supply

SSDA: SSD-44034342

Attn: Marek Sorm

As requested by Richard Crookes Construction (RCC) via ACONEX on 13 November 2024, we write this statement which outlines the flood mitigation approach being proposed for the domestic water supply to ensure reliability during an extreme flood event.

We understand the flood event will occur over a 10 hour duration and the facility will have a 4 hour pre-warn of the event occurring, which will offer the facility engineers appropriate time to implement the mitigation strategies as described below.

The objective of the mitigation approaches is to ensure continued operations, knowing that flood event has maximum level (AHD) of RL18900, which would result in the lowest floor level of the building being submerged with water up to a height of 1400mm.

In succinct terms, the potable (drinking) water storage tanks and ancillary pressure pumps, which supply drinking water to the entire building, are situated in a lower ground plantroom which would be affected by the flood event. It shall be noted that under the proposed mitigation approach, some floors of the building will be without a reliable drinking water supply.

We understand that the primary mitigation measures to prevent flood waters from entering the plantroom is:

- 1. the water proofing of the 1400mm high walls that surround the plantroom
- 2. the flood gate
 - a. which we have been (verbally) advised by Marek on 14th November (5:00pm) that is not 100% water tight and that flood water will infiltrate the plantroom over the 10hour flood event. Marek advised that we are to use the metric of 5000L of infiltrated water
- 3. provision of one-way valves on the sanitary drainage branches serving the plantroom floor wastes
- 4. provision of one-way valves on the stormwater drainage branches serving the fire test drain sump and PCW tank overflow sumps
 - a. in addition, the rim of these sumps will be set at RL18900

The secondary measures are:

- 1. a by-pass pipe on the cold water supply, which will provide gravity pressure to the building, in the scenario that the PCW pressure pumps are rendered to be useless
 - a. the attached schematic indicates the gravity pressure zones that will be available
- install a skimmer pump in the cold water plantroom that will be activated when the flood water level, within the plantroom exceeds 5000L (upon breach of the flood gate). The skimmer pump (if activated) will discharge flood water externally to the building, free to atmosphere at an RL20000 (no less)
 - a. Nb! We have calculated that the 5000L will be 92mm deep in the cold water plantroom, which has the water level lower than the PCW tank and pump plinths.





- i. we have calculated that 8000L will be the volume of water within the plantroom at 150mm deep (or top of plinth)
- b. Skimmer pump power to be supplied from the essential power supply

As per ACONEX correspondence RCC-GCOR-001184, dated 25 November 2024, we note that RCC have endorsed the above-mentioned mitigation approach.

Should you have any queries or seek clarification of the above, please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosed: Hydraulic Services Mitigation Plans

