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Dear Ms Elijah

I write in response to the Narwee Parklands Seniors Housing (SSD 45024776) – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Thankyou on the opportunity to comment. The Sydney Local Health District Public Health Unit (SLHD PHU) has reviewed the EIS, focusing on issues that may impact on human health. We would like to make the following submission for your consideration:

- **Noise and Vibration:** We strongly recommend that a full comprehensive assessment of all acoustic treatments be conducted during detailed design to ensure the criteria for internal noise levels, according to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment '*Development near rail corridors and busy roads – interim guideline*', are met. We further support the proposed plan for detailed acoustic review of the mechanical systems to assess operational noise once further details are known.
- **Green infrastructure:** SLHD PHU strongly supports the plan to embed a green network within the site. We recommend provisions are included in the planning stage to implement strategies to reduce, control and monitor potential mosquito breeding habitats when planning the green infrastructure features, due to the potential for mosquito-borne disease, particularly in the setting of climate change.
- **Water sensitive urban design (WSUD):** SLHD PHU notes rainwater tanks will be installed on site, with the intended use to be irrigation. We support the use of water from rainwater tanks for non-drinking purposes, such as irrigation, in areas where a public water supply is available – as described in this guideline from NSW Health [https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/PDS/pages/doc.aspx?dn=GL2007\\_009](https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/PDS/pages/doc.aspx?dn=GL2007_009). Health risks related to the use of rainwater tanks need to be managed appropriately as outlined in the Guidance on use of rainwater tanks <https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022/07/enhealth-guidance-guidance-on-the-use-of-rainwater-tanks.pdf>, particularly in relation to mosquito control measures.
- **Contamination and hazards:** SLHD PHU notes that the site may be contaminated by asbestos. The proponent must adhere to disposal of asbestos waste in accordance with the requirements of the regulators including NSW EPA and SafeWork NSW to ensure asbestos exposure is minimised.



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Thank you for the consideration of our feedback on the EIS for the Narwee Parklands Seniors Housing. Should you require any further information please contact Dr Leena Gupta, Clinical Director, Public Health on 02 9515 9420 or [Leena.Gupta@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Leena.Gupta@health.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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