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Dear Chris

**Shoalhaven Cancer Care Centre- SSD 4952-2011
NLALC Response**

As per the attached email (Jason Groves, 28 February 2012) and Site Survey Report (Cancer Site, February 2012), the Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (NLALC) has provided a written response from the meeting between the NLALC and the SCCC Project Team on 13 February 2012.

We provide copies of this correspondence to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) to assist with the finalisation of the assessment of SSD 4952-2011. We have also provided comment on the items raised in the email from NLALC, in the below table, to clarify our position on each item.

Item raised in NLALC email 28/02/2012	Response/comment
It is envisaged that you will require Aboriginal Sites Officers to be present when excavation commences to work alongside your team in case any artefacts or Skeletal remains be uncovered, for documentation purposes & reporting to the appropriate bodies	Advice received indicates that The Office of Environment and Heritage [OEH] does not support monitoring work. OEH's view is that monitoring is not required if a Due Diligence assessment has been undertaken and that assessment finds that there is no archaeological potential, as is the case with the Shoalhaven CCC site. Our advice is that the monitoring proposed by the NLALC is not specifically an archaeological activity but a cultural one - undertaken to make sure there is nothing on the site. If requested and where prearranged with the Applicant and subject to Work, Health & Safety Requirements, registered Aboriginal Land Councils may nominate up to 2 representatives to observe bulk excavation works for the development. It is noted however, and will be made clear to the NLALC, that any archaeological remains, Aboriginal relics or any artefacts discovered during the works will be dealt with in accordance with section 146 of

	the NSW Heritage Act 1977 and proponent will work directly with the NSW Heritage Branch and other required bodies.
<u>The Environmental issues</u> Can we request a secondary settlement tank installed in construction for peace of mind on hazards materials filtration & management. Can you please provide the discussed reports & research or web links requested at our meeting for us to review.	Based on the discussions at the meeting, we believe NLALC meant to refer to delay tanks rather than secondary settlement tanks (which are used for stormwater). The proposal will comply with the requirements of the Trade Waste Agreement with the relevant Water Authority. At this stage it will be determined by the Water Authority whether delay tanks are required. As per our letter to DPI 01/02/2012, delay tanks are not considered appropriate for the SCCC as they are usually used for higher strength therapy doses than what will be used at the SCCC; may constitute a higher OH&S risk and all people who receive treatment at the SCCC are outpatients and most waste is discharged to the sewage system from their homes.
<u>Employment Opportunities:</u> As stated at our meeting tenders have already gone out and we missed the opportunity to put in a tender or EOI for any aspects of the project. You have indicated that there is an Aboriginal employment strategy in place for all tenderers. Does that strategy include Construction & Development, Landscape & Gardens, Public Arts & Cancer Research Student Cadet ships.	The main construction works tender has closed. This tender is to appoint the Head Contractor for the works who will then tender and subcontract to a range of firms for specific aspects of the construction works, including landscape works. Many of these subcontracts would not yet be finalised by the Head Contractor. The proponent is happy to pass on details of any subcontractors known to the NLALC who may be interested in tendering to the head contractor, once appointed. An Aboriginal Participation Plan will be in place as part of the head contract for the works and will include for Aboriginal Participation at both head contractor and subcontractor level – across a range of trades. The Proponent will be happy to meet with the NLALC again once the main contract is let to discuss further the Aboriginal Participation aspects of the project.
<u>Employment pathways to recruitment's & Aboriginal Community Equity in the process:</u> NLALC is keen to be a port hole or pathway to the recruitment process and possibly hold a recruitment day for the employment opportunities. Fairness, Justice & Equality for All is our goal in this process as many employment opportunities tend to go astray and Equality is lost due to lack of information distribution & share. We recognise that Closing the Gaps to Aboriginal Health & Life expectancy are some of the obvious benefits of the Cancer Centre. We would like to discuss any employment & training opportunities that may arise at the Cancer Centre for Our Community.	The Aboriginal Participation on the project as required by the Proponent relates to the construction phase only. Once complete the building will be operated by Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District. It is suggested that the NLALC could approach the LHD to discuss these matters closer to completion of the works.

We trust that this additional information will assist the Department with its assessment of the proposal. Should you have any queries please contact me on 9101 2113.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Saul', with a stylized, cursive script.

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