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Dear Megan

Exhibition of EIS for Kempsey District Hospital Redevelopment (SSD 5363)

Reference is made to your letter dated 31 July 2013 to the Office of Environment and Heritage inviting comments and advice on recommended conditions of consent on the above mentioned proposal that involves the demolition of the existing 1919 Blood Bank Building and construction of a new five storey hospital building. The Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage provides the following advice on behalf of the NSW Heritage Council.

It is noted that the development site is listed in Schedule 1 of the *Kempsey LEP 1987* and the Department of Health S170 register. The site is NOT listed on the State Register.

The Heritage Division raises no objection and supports the recommendations outlined in Section 7.2 of the Heritage Impact Statement by Graham Brooks and Associates (in relation to archaeological relics, archival recording, and interpretation). The Heritage Division recommends that the following condition be included:

- Where substantial intact archaeological relics of State or local significance are discovered during excavation, work must cease in the affected area and the Heritage Council must be notified in writing in accordance with section 146 of the *Heritage Act 1977*. Depending on the nature of the discovery, additional assessment may be required prior to the recommencement of excavation in the affected area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Lily Chu at the Heritage Division should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised.

Yours faithfully

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