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To whom it may concern.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STORAGE POLICY STATEMENT – STAGE 3A
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT LISMORE BASE HOSPITAL – DGR 20**

As per NSW Health PD2005_132 Waste Management Guidelines for Health Care Facilities – August 1998, clinical waste, cytotoxic waste, pharmaceutical waste, chemical waste and radioactive waste are classified as hazardous waste.

In relation to the Stage 3A redevelopment project of Lismore Base Hospital there will be no change to current policies and procedures for the management of hazardous waste that currently exist at the health care facility:

Clinical Waste

At present sharps, human tissue, bulk body fluids and blood, laboratory specimens and cultures, and visibly blood stained body fluids and visibly blood stained disposable material and equipment are disposed of through the use of an external contractor. There will be no change to the current sharps containers that are currently used and there will not be required any additional clinical waste storage to be constructed as part of the Stage 3A redevelopment project.

Cytotoxic Waste

Cytotoxic waste including any residual cytotoxic drug, and any discarded material associated with the preparation or administration of cytotoxic will continue to be managed as per existing cytotoxic waste management policies and procedures. There will be no expansion of Oncology services as part of the Stage 3A redevelopment project and no increase in cytotoxic waste generation because of it.

Pharmaceutical Waste

While there will be service expansion related to the Stage 3A redevelopment project there is no expectation and/or requirement to increase current levels of and location of current pharmaceutical storage facilities at Lismore Base Hospital. Pharmacy inventory levels in the Stage 3A expanded Emergency and Renal Units will be minimal.

Chemical Waste

There will be no increase in any chemical waste as result of the Stage 3A redevelopment project.

Radioactive Waste

While there will be an expansion of medical imaging services as part of the expanded Emergency Department, these services do not include services which will generate waste or material that has been contaminated by radioactive substances which arise from medical use of radionuclides e.g. Nuclear Medicine.

The Stage 3A redevelopment project of Lismore Base Hospital will not see a requirement to increase or construct additional storage facilities as a result of the project.

If you have any enquiries or wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me on 0413018601.

Yours sincerely

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