



**Transport
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Dear Mr Gibson

**Stage 3B of Lismore Base Hospital Redevelopment and New Hospital Car Park
Notice of Exhibition**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 January 2015 requesting Transport for NSW provides comments on the above referenced Notice of Exhibition.

Transport for NSW has reviewed the documentation presented in support of the Public Exhibition and provides detailed comments in **Attachment 1**. The main points being:

- The documentation presented in support of Stage 3B does not adequately address several of the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements.

Thank you again for the opportunity of providing advice for the subject proposal. If you require clarification of any issue raised, please don't hesitate to contact Robert Rutledge, Principal Transport Planner on 8202 2203 or Robert.rutledge@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Please note for future reference; when sending proposals to TfNSW via email, could you kindly use the following email address: development@transport.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1 – Transport for NSW Comments

Stage 3B of Lismore Base Hospital Redevelopment and New Hospital Car Park Notice of Exhibition

The documentation presented in support of Stage 3B does not adequately address the following Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs):

Key Issue 5: Transport, Parking and Access

Bullet 4 – *“Measures to promote travel choices that support the achievement of State targets, such as a location-specific sustainable travel plan”.*

The Traffic and Parking Review for Stage 3B of Lismore Hospital refers the reader back to the original report produced for Stage 3A, where this requirement was addressed.

Section 5: Transport Management Strategy, of the Stage 3A SSD Traffic and Parking Study (referred to as the original report), acknowledges the importance of providing solutions that are complementary to State, regional and local transport plans, and includes implementing the preparation of a Travel Plan and Transport Access Guide for the Hospital.

Although recognised in the Traffic and Parking Review for Stage 3A, the SEARs requirement for a Travel Plan was not provided in the Stage 3B supporting documentation.

TfNSW suggests the proposed Stage 3B provide a Sustainable Travel Plan and Transport Access Guide, endorsed by the Lismore City Council Traffic Advisory Committee as a condition of development approval.

Bullet 7 – *“Demonstrate adequate pedestrian links between the hospital site and the car park site have been provided”.*

Neither the Traffic and Parking Review for Stage 3A or 3B addresses this issue, however, does state: *“The above streets also operate within their capacity while Uralba Street is subject to constant vehicular traffic activities due to its strategic location”.*

TfNSW notes that an existing at-grade zebra crossing exists between the Main Hospital Campus and the proposed hospital car park across Uralba Street. However, the adequacy of an at-grade zebra crossing to service a 560 space car park for Lismore Hospital has not been demonstrated, as required in the SEARs.

It is also noted that Lismore Council expressed similar concerns for the potential of additional conflict between pedestrians and vehicular traffic that the additional 560 space hospital car park could create.

TfNSW suggests the applicant provide an analysis demonstrating the adequacy of the existing zebra crossing to safely provide pedestrian access to the new hospital car park. The analysis should consider the AM and PM peak periods as well as the peak period of the hospital's trip generation for existing, Stage 3A and Stage 3B conditions.

The methodology should be approved by Roads and Maritime Services. If justified, appropriate mitigation measures and timing of mitigation measures should be identified.