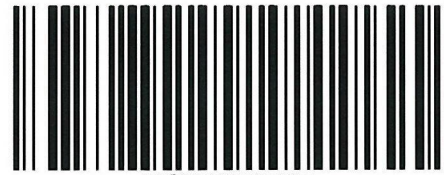




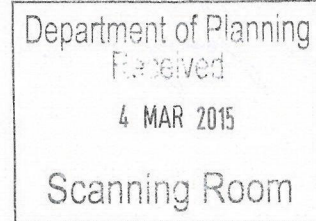
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Attention: Ms Megan Fu

Dear Mr Gibson

Re: Request for OEH to review Environmental Impact Statement – Stage 3B Lismore Hospital Redevelopment (SSD 6848) Uralba Street, Lismore

Thank you for your email of 6 February 2015 requesting the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to review the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

OEH has statutory responsibilities relating to biodiversity (including threatened species, populations, ecological communities, or their habitats), Aboriginal and historic heritage, National Parks and Wildlife Service estate, flooding and estuary management. Matters relating to noise, air and water quality and any licensing requirements under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* should be addressed separately to the Environment Protection Authority because that authority is now independent of OEH.

OEH has reviewed the EIS and in particular the Heritage Impact Statement (January 2015). On the basis of this review OEH only has comments in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage as per below.

OEH notes the detailed assessment of the Lismore Base Hospital site undertaken as part of the initial Stage 3A Development Application. OEH further notes the assessment undertaken to fulfil the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements concluded there is no potential for Aboriginal sites, Aboriginal archaeological deposits or places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance to be located within the Lismore Base Hospital Site or the adjacent carpark site.

OEH supports the recommendation for a stop work protocol for dealing with unexpected Aboriginal cultural heritage finds as set out below:

In the event that Aboriginal objects are uncovered, all works likely to affect the objects shall cease and the OEH and Department shall be notified of the find. Works shall not recommence until such time that the significance of the find has been determined and management measures have been developed and implemented by an appropriately qualified archaeological heritage consultant, in consultation with registered Aboriginal stakeholders, and to the satisfaction of the Director-General.

If you require further information or clarification, or should Council be in possession of information that suggests that OEH's statutory interests may be affected, please contact Senior Operations Officer, Mr Krister Waern, on (02) 6640 2503.

Yours sincerely

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