

January 14, 2015

Mr Troy Harvey
Senior Project Director
Health Infrastructure

Dear Mr Harvey,

RE: HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STORAGE - GOSFORD HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT and
HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRECINCT STAGE 1 PROJECT, CENTRAL COAST LOCAL
HEALTH DISTRICT

The following documents regarding Hazardous Materials Storage and Waste have been used in the development of policies and procedures at Gosford Hospital:

- NSW Health PD2005_132 Waste Management Guidelines for Health Care Facilities – August 1998
- NSW Health Work Health & Safety Better Practice Procedures (PD2013_050)
- Chem Alert Chemical Information Management System (PD2009_006)
- NSW Health Information Sheets – Hazardous Chemicals Using, Handling, Labelling, Storage & Transportation
- NSW Health Information Sheet – Hazardous Chemicals – Managing Hazardous Chemicals in the Workplace
- NSW Health Information Sheet – Hazardous Chemicals Identification

In relation to the Gosford Hospital Redevelopment Project there will be no change to current policies and procedures for the management of hazardous waste that currently exist at the health care facility. For new services or classification of waste, policies and procedures will reflect the above mentioned policy documents.

Generally, it is anticipated that the volumes of materials stored on site will not increase as any new demand will be dealt with via increased frequency of ordering and waste removal. In the event that on site requirements do increase the CCLHD Work Health and Safety Unit will be kept informed, with the Managers ensuring Chem Alert is kept up to date and any reporting to WorkCover NSW of stock exceeding manifest quantities list in Schedule 11 calculated and notified.

The summary below outlines the classifications of Hazardous Materials that are in use, or will be in use, at Gosford Hospital and the subsequent impact of the redevelopment on their storage.

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 sharps containers that are currently used and there will not be a requirement for any additional clinical waste storage to be constructed as part of the 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 an expansion of Day Oncology services as part of the redevelopment project and subsequent increase in cytotoxic waste generation because of it.

Pharmaceutical Storage

While there will be service expansion related to the redevelopment project there is no expectation and/or requirement to increase current levels of and location of current pharmaceutical storage facilities at Gosford Hospital.

Radioactive Waste

The Gosford Hospital Redevelopment includes new Nuclear Medicine Services which will generate waste and material that is contaminated by radioactive substances which arise from the diagnostic use of radionuclides in the Nuclear Medicine Studies. Policies and procedures to detail the storage, handling and removal of radioactive waste will be developed in accordance with NSW Health and Legislative guidelines for implementation prior to services coming on line.

Health and Wellbeing Precinct

It is not anticipated that there will be any generation of hazardous materials within the Health and Wellbeing Precinct Stage 1 as the proposed function of these facilities is not for clinical services.

If you have any enquiries or wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Wilkinson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Fiona Wilkinson
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Central Coast Local Health District.