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for NSW**

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Attention: Lee McCourt

Dear Mr Gibson

Northside Mental Health Facility (SSD7588)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on recommended conditions of consent for the above development. RMS will provide a separate response.

As detailed in the attached annexure the suggested conditions are:

1. Implement a detailed construction plan that takes into account the existing high frequency bus services and regular rail replacement buses due to commence in 2018; and
2. Implement an active travel plan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. The contact officer is Tim Dewey, Senior Transport Planner who may be contacted on 8202-2188 or 0402 388 223.

Yours Sincerely,

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Annexure

Issue: Construction Management Plan

The contents of the preliminary construction traffic management plan were noted. The assessment at section 4.5 and 3.1(d) asserting that no public transport services would be impacted by this project is not agreed.

The M20 high frequency metro bus connects Gore Hill, Crows Nest, North Sydney, Sydney CBD and Botany. The service operates along the Pacific Highway and then Campbell Street and Reserve Road close to the site.

Conditions of consent in relation to construction traffic should be aimed at ensuring there is no disruption to bus services which utilise Herbert Street, Frederick Street, Campbell Street and Reserve Road.

If this development is approved, construction of the site will be heavily impacted by the Epping-Chatswood rail closure as buses will be utilising Herbert St and possibly Frederick Street for layover. This closure is currently planned for 2018 calendar year.

Recommendation

Therefore the following conditions of consent are recommended:

The applicant prepares a detailed construction management plan that includes:

- an assessment of cumulative impacts associated with other construction activities
- an assessment of road safety at key intersections
- details of anticipated peak hour and daily truck movements to and from the site
- details of access arrangements for workers to/from the site, emergency vehicles and service vehicle movements
- details of temporary cycling and pedestrian access during construction;
- details of proposed construction vehicle access arrangements at all stages of construction; and
- an assessment of traffic and transport impacts during construction and how these impacts will be mitigated for any associated traffic, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport operations
- Preparation of a draft Construction Traffic Management Plan to demonstrate the proposed management of the construction impact. This Plan needs to include vehicle routes, number of trucks, hours of operation, access arrangements and traffic control measures for all demolition/construction activities.

Issue: Active Transport and Sustainable Travel Choices

Transport reviewed the following documents:

- Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements, Northside Mental Health Facility, 5 May 2016
- Traffic Report, Ramsay Health Care, Transport and Traffic Planning Associates, December 2015
- Assessment of Traffic and Parking Implications, Traffic Report, Ramsay Health Care, Transport and Traffic Planning Associates, May 2015Willoughby City Council Development Control Plan
- Environmental Impact Statement for 10 Herbert Street St Leonards of July 2016 Section 5.5

The proponent's commitment to bicycle parking on Level 1, with change rooms, showers and lockers available for staff to serve as "end of trip" facilities is noted and supported.

Similarly the proponent's commitment to the promotion of sustainable travel choices is noted.

Recommendation

The following conditions of consent are recommended:

- Provide bicycle parking and end of trip facilities for staff and visitors in accordance with Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides.
- Locate bicycle facilities in secure, convenient, accessible areas close to the main entries incorporating adequate lighting and passive surveillance and in accordance with Austroads guidelines.
- Develop wayfinding strategies and travel access guides to assist with increasing the mode share of walking and cycling.
- Prepare a location specific travel plan and access guide that will have the aim of achieving the following:
 1. promote a high modal share for public transport, cycling and walking
 2. journeys;
 3. ensure adequate facilities are provided at the site to enable staff and visitors to shower and change at end of journey.
 4. promotion of commuting by sustainable transport modes;
 5. facilitate the sustainable and safe travel of new employees; and
 6. raise awareness of sustainable transport amongst patients, staff and visitors.