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Attention: Town Planner
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Design statement Project Name: Concord Hospital Project Number: IA064700

Subject: Concord Repatriation General Hospital Design Statement for Modification 5 –

- New skylight to circular opening of the East Main Entry Awning. Located at the north Eastern boundary of the CSB
- Changing use of the 2 x shared bathrooms located east and south-east at Level 1 Zone 2 into Clinical Work Rooms. Shown on architectural drawing NEWB-AR-DRG-1512(E).
- Changing use of the 3 x shared bathrooms located east and south-east at Level 2 Zone 2 into Clinical Work Rooms. Shown on architectural drawing NEWB-AR-DRG-1522(D).
- Lightweight wall construction above Acoustic louvre to Basement.
- Graphical amendments to the Level 3 Mechanical Plant room and plant roof.
- Addition of assault guard clear glazing to the southern façade at Ground level - Psychogeriatric Courtyard
- Changes to the switchboard at the south western boundary of the CSB à additional doors to mechanical plant room? - Additional switchboard added to B1 and other areas

Subject Premises: Concord Hospital – Hospital Road - Concord NSW 2139

Dear Jane,

Jacobs fully support, as the lead architectural consultant for the Concord Hospital Redevelopment, the above list of changes. These are justified and fully agreed by Jacobs for the following reasons.

We confirm that the proposed modifications incorporating the New skylight to the circular opening of the East Main Entry Awning that is located at the north Eastern boundary of the CSB, as well as the change of use for rooms allocated as Bathrooms into Clinical Work Rooms and the other minor amendments identified and listed above and as clouded on the amended architectural plans attached, do not detrimentally affect the architectural design intent or quality of the development. We note that the minor changes for dot points 4, 5, 6 & 7 are scope requirements needed as a part of final coordination and sub contractor design finalisation.

The incorporation of the skylight has been completed & considered to avoid any overall increase in building mass and any additional environmental impact. The skylight was previously seen as an opening in the awning rather than a skylight & has since been developed as a skylight to provide greater protection to the drop off area during periods of inclement weather.

The bathroom conversion to Clinical Work rooms has been instructed as a preferred facility by the LHD and hence has been supported in full by Jacobs. The change has no impact on the adjacent rooms and door relocations have considered circulation around the rooms by both staff and patients.

Both items above have provided greater amenity for the development without impact to adjacent forms or function.

The other minor changes to the building façade have been made as a result of completing the normal project coordination process between design disciplines & ongoing user interface. The change of blockwork cladding to light weight metal cladding above the basement plantroom louvres maintains the visual quality of the elevation here and meets the façade performance requirements of the certifier and the applicant. By developing the detail and material selection we have ensured a deliberate response that works with the material and colour of the louvres rather than the adjacent blockwork walls. The other change of façade being the treatment of the Psychogeriatric courtyard exterior terrace walls (Ground floor South East corner) has occurred due to planning design finalisation. The problem solving for concerns the user may have had for the day to day running of this department have been done based on meeting the detailed functional and aesthetic design outcomes developed during continued engagement with the user creating a better outcome for the project.

The proposed change does not diminish the original design intent, visual impact or impose significant additional environmental impacts. There is no change to the mass or footprint of the building and does not affect the amenity to patients, staff or visitors to the Hospital.

The final dot points for update of the plantroom graphic and the switchboard are based on design finalisation and coordination and have no change to the envelope of the building.

We also note that there are no additional acoustic impacts as detailed by the acoustic consultant Acoustic Logic in their letter of assessment as attached to the Architectus planning report.

Regards,

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