

<p>Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p><i>Wollongong's Heartland</i></p> <p><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs and concerns</i></p>		<p>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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State Significant Development (SSD-30240120) Wollongong Private Hospital Extension

Neighbourhood Forum 5 (NF5) has been established by Wollongong City Council to reflect the views and values of the local community. At its online meeting held 3 August, the Executive Committee resolved to make a submission highlighting key issues for consideration as follows.

The Forum noticed an article in the Illawarra Mercury on 27 July, that an application for a State Significant Development (SSD-30240120) to build a \$162.8 million extension adjoining Wollongong Private Hospital is on exhibition, with submissions due 18 August.

It is requested the notification system be reviewed so that key stakeholders are advised, including community groups such as NF5 in whose area this lies. This also raises questions as to what notification was/will be given to residents close to the proposed development.

The article includes that the new application comes five years after the Land and Environment Court approved an application on appeal for a 6 storey extension, but the development did not go ahead. It is noted the proposed Level 7 Lift Motor room exceeds a 32m height limit by 9 per cent, similar to the adjacent existing hospital.

The Forum requests that the assessment closely considers issues including:

- Setbacks on Urunga Street;
- Traffic matters on this major route to Wollongong CBD;
- Vehicle and pedestrian access from Crown and Urunga streets;
- Improvements to entry level drop-off and parking, particularly access for people with disability (present arrangements for the existing private hospital are unsatisfactory);
- A cap on parking charges,; and,
- The height of the building including the Lift Motor Room.

Yours sincerely,
Philip Laird OAM, Acting Secretary