

13th March, 2019

RE: State Significant Development – Redevelopment of Greenwich Hospital site, 97 – 115 River Road, Greenwich.

Dear Sir,

I write in support of the proposed redevelopment of the Greenwich hospital site.

As a long-time senior resident of the lower north shore I congratulate Hammond Care on their Greenwich hospital plan with its proposed increase in public medical amenities and establishment of a centre of excellence in gerontology for the lower north shore of Sydney. The inclusion of much needed seniors' housing is particularly welcomed.

- The proposed seniors' housing with easy access to medical services is a bonus for the elderly especially for those who would like to remain living locally in old age. Combining seniors' housing with adjacent aged care beds on the one site reflects best practice in aged care. This dual styled accommodation allows an elderly couple who may otherwise be separated by illness to remain close together at a time in life when they are most vulnerable.
- The proposed expanded hospital with an increase in medical services and accommodation associated with inpatient rehabilitation, palliative care, mental health and other allied health services would relieve stress on demand for existing services and help cope with the expected influx of population from new developments on the lower north shore. The current wait period for physiotherapy at Greenwich hospital exceeds four weeks leaving many to travel outside the vicinity for rehabilitation services.
- Many Greenwich residents would remember comments made about traffic, congestion, school children etc., when the seniors' Clancy Terrace complex in Greenwich Rd (opposite Greenwich Infant's school) was built some years ago. No associated harm to school children was reported resulting from this project.

Over the last months many lower north shore community groups have voiced concerns about the lack of infrastructure and services in the area, especially given the increased population resulting from apartment developments in Crows Nest and St Leonards. The Greenwich hospital's proposal meets important aspects of this concern.

Further, the project requires no public or private resumption of land, and buildings of seven and nine stories are a fraction of the height of recently proposed or approved new apartment developments in Crows Nest and St Leonards.