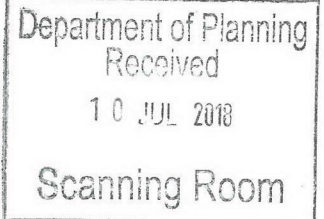


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Subject: New Maitland Hospital

Name: Rodney Gallagher, 19 Nathan Close Metford NSW 2323.

Application: New Maitland Hospital Stage 1, No. SSI 9022

Statement: I support the Proposal.

Reason: The rapid growth in POPULATION in this area.

Declaration: I have made NO political donations in the last two years.

To: The Director - Social and Other Infrastructure Assessments

Planning Services, Department of Planning and Environment,
GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001.

Dear Miss Harrigan,

As a retiree in my 80th year and a nearby resident for the last ten years, and also that in my training as a surveyor, I studied Town Planning and Development. I would like to offer my suggestions about vehicular access to this proposed facility.

There appears to be only ONE point of access to the hospital via a round-a-bout at the junction of Metford Road and Fieldsend Street.

PROBLEM: (1). North of this access point is an underpass of the railway line which is subject to flooding up to 2 or 3 metres deep which can last several days in wet and flood conditions - Frequently!

(2) At the southern end of Metford Road is a round-a-bout which is a "bottleneck" for two hours every school day, 8 to 9 am and 3 to 4 pm.

(3) Fieldsend Street has a low crossing of the waterway which backs up in flood time.

(4) The sports field opposite has restricted parking area causing traffic congestion.

SOLUTION: A hospital needs more than ONE access point.

Construct an Access road from the East of the proposed development, starting from the southern side of Thornton Railway Station and following the southern side of the line to form an eastern entry to the hospital car park and Emergency Ambulance entry points.

It would be easily accessible from the Maitland to Raymond Terrace Road, the Paterson- Largs - Morpeth - Hinton area on the north and easily accessible in all weather conditions from the M1 and New England Highways on the south.

There is very little residential development on this corridor and it seems to me to be the obvious solution to what could become a major problem if not provided for NOW!

Yours faithfully,

Rodney Gallagher