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Dear Ms Fu

**New Maitland Hospital Stage 1 (Concept Plan and Early Works) – SSI 9022
Environmental Impact Statement
Recommended Condition**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 18 June 2018, regarding the New Maitland Hospital concept plan and stage 1 works, reference SSI 9022. Provided with the application is the report titled '*New Maitland Hospital Stage 1 (Concept Design and Early Works) – Environmental Impact Statement*' (EIS) dated 7 June 2018.

The EPA has reviewed the EIS and has no objection to the proposal as outlined and assessed. The proponent has identified appropriate mitigation measures to address relevant environmental pollution matters of concern.

The EPA understands that the proposal has been determined to proceed as a staged infrastructure application as follows:

- Stage 1: Concept plan, site clearance and related preparatory works; and
- Stage 2: Detailed design, construction and operation of the hospital.

This application relates to Stage 1 with a separate application and EIS to be prepared to assess the Stage 2 impacts.

The EPA notes that an Environment Protection Licence will be required for Stage 1 construction works as these works exceed the threshold for extractive activities defined by Schedule 1, Clause 19 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (the POEO Act). Irrespective, the EPA remains the Appropriate Regulatory Authority for any environmental pollution matters for activities undertaken a public authority or a state-owned corporation in New South Wales.

The EPA's recommended condition of approval is as follows:

- That the proponent must apply for and hold an in-force Environment Protection Licence issued under the POEO Act prior to undertaking any site clearing and related preparatory works associated with Stage 1.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Michael Howat on (02) 4908 6830.

Yours sincerely

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