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NSW Department of Planning

M/s Heather Warton,

Director, Metropolitan and Regional Projects North

Further to your letter of 13th March, 2013 wish to submit my objection for DA (SSD 5729-2012) Bega Valley Health Services Development, Bega-stage 2 Construction works.

1. Bega Valley Shire Council letter (input into the assessment) of 23.11.2012, to NSW DOP input stating that flooding in the area has been gauged at 1:100 yr record and quoting the year 1971.

In my previous submission I clearly stated that the 2010 floods (ref Bega District News 26.2.2010) which the then Keneally Government declared 'a natural disaster area' at the time (see website 17.2.2010). The 2010 floods one of the biggest floods since 1971. This information plus the 2011 and 2012 floods (ref Bega District News 2.3.2012) has been deliberately withheld and not acknowledged by the Bega Valley Shire Council! The area and access namely Tathra Road has been closed several times due to flooding. In recent floods the Bega Ambulance station has also been cut off. Furthermore, the WMA states (ref:111078/L120216-27.3.12) "to date there has been no comprehensive flood study"

Further to WMA report provisions 6.1.1 & 6.1.3 'development consent must not be granted' Why was consent given on **06.02.2012** on DA 2011.427 to Mr. R. Miller? The WMA report is dated **27.3.2012**.

2. The NSW office of Water 5.12.2012 attachment A, quotes last two paragraphs
 - Degradation of wetlands...
 - The proposed 1 in 2 storm event for detention does not appear to meet the criteria to protect the wetlands for quality and quantity purposes hence **further consideration of this issue is requested....**

Again why was a DA consent given on the site when these issues have not been fully investigated or a report to substantiate that the site is suitable?

3. Director-General's EAR report March 2013.

Flight Path.

The department notes that there were only 14 arrivals to the Bega Emergency department during the period May 2011 – May 2012.

NSW Health, the proponent by their own admission expect low level usage the number's between 5-10 average per month.

Will the proponent confirm the following:-

How many arrivals/departures including both helicopter and fixed wing aircraft from the Merimbula airport for the same period?

75% of patients are transported now via fixed wing aircraft. How much time and risk due to distance and the possibility of the access roads being flooded cause to patients being transported back and forth via road?? (not forgetting the patients air lifted from the greater area of Cooma and Moruya airports including to the Victorian border, who will be utilizing the New Hospital).

Table 4: Public Submissions

I refute the Department comments on my original submission. The site selected did not meet the required criteria from the onset...if it did, I wouldn't be wasting my time with submissions!!

4. *I have found inconsistencies within reports now and in previous submission. Questions raised for clarification in various reports have been overlooked to be answered and /or completely ignored.*

The whole process of asking the public for submissions...for/against is to be able to ask for confirmation of how these reports were generated. Are these companies also beyond questioning??

Yours sincerely,