

27 November 2013

## Submission on Northern Beaches Hospital Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement

Capital Investment Pty Limited (Capital Investment) is a key landowner in Frenchs Forest and this submission comments on the *Northern Beaches Hospital Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement* including concept proposal and site clearance and preparatory works.

Capital Investment has provided longstanding support to the growth and development of Frenchs Forest, including the development of the Northern Beaches Hospital, since the announcement of this planned development in 2006.

This submission further supports the proposed development of the Northern Beaches Hospital and the key role of the hospital in the future realisation of the Frenchs Forest Potential Specialised Centre as a genuine mixed use precinct that includes a mix of employment, housing, retail and community opportunities as envisaged and supported by the *Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036*.

The Northern Beaches Hospital will not only form an important anchor in an area encompassing a planned range of health-related uses but will also provide a key focal point for additional amenities in the wider Frenchs Forest locality with an array of housing, retail and community uses. The community visioning forums have identified that in developing health uses, there is a need for a holistic approach to the broader precinct by the Government to ensure that associated services and infrastructure are planned accordingly.

Capital Investment endorses the ongoing investigation and the development of options for the supporting road works and upgrades to serve the new hospital identified in the Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement and note that a preferred network solution is anticipated to be confirmed by Transport for NSW before the release of the Stage 2 Environmental Impact Statement for construction and operation of the hospital.

The additional amenities and infrastructure required to support the development and success of the Northern Beaches Hospital should also be properly planned for and Capital Investment looks forward to providing further submissions to the Department at the relevant time.

Capital Investment commends and supports Health Infrastructure and the Department of Planning for proceeding with this staged infrastructure application for the Northern Beaches Hospital.

Chul lun Charles Curran