



Major Projects Assessment  
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Attention: Ben Eveleigh

Dear Mr Eveleigh

## **MAJOR PROJECT REFERRAL – DUBBO BASE HOSPITAL STAGE 1 AND 2 (SSD 5250-2012) – EXHIBITION OF EIS**

I refer to your letter requesting the NSW Heritage Council's comments in relation to the proposed Dubbo Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1 and 2 pursuant to Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended). The proposal consists, in part, of the following works:

- Bulk excavation;
- Construction of a new one to two storey hospital building containing a new maternity unit, operating theatre suite, central sterilising department and a day surgery unit;
- Refurbishment of existing admissions/outpatients and medical records building to accommodate a new front of house area;
- Refurbishment of existing theatres building to accommodate an expanded renal dialysis unit;
- Demolition of existing maternity building and construction of new car parking area; and
- Provision of new landscaping.

Sections 6.6 and 6.7 and Appendices E and Q specifically deal with Cultural Heritage issues incorporating both a Heritage Impact Statement and Non-Aboriginal Baseline Archaeology Assessment.

Specifically in terms of cultural heritage the following conclusions and recommendations were made:

- The HIS concludes that there will be no impact on any items of State or National Heritage;
- The works proposed outside of the area of archaeological sensitivity can proceed without further investigation subject to the recommendations;
- Works proposed within the area of archaeological sensitivity cannot proceed without further archaeological investigation;
- If impacts are proposed in areas identified as archaeological sensitive, management strategies will need to be put in place prior to the development. These strategies include detailed assessment of the area identified as archaeologically sensitive that will be impacted by the proposed works, to determine if archaeological excavation is an appropriate management strategy; and
- Should unanticipated relics, or potential relics, be discovered during the course of the project, work in the vicinity must cease and an archaeologist contacted to make a preliminary assessment of the find. The Heritage Council will require notification if the find is assessed as a relic.



The following advice is provided:

- Based on the submitted documentation it appears that the new works are going to be removed from the significant elements of the site. There is likely to be no impact on significant fabric or the overall heritage significance of the site.
- The new buildings are unlikely to have impacts on significant views to and from the site.
- The proposed works are likely to have no archaeological impacts.
- The recommendations contained in Section 6.2 of the Non – Aboriginal Heritage Assessment for Dubbo Base Hospital prepared by Biosis Research, dated July 2012 should be incorporated into any conditions of consent issued for this project.
- These recommendations should also form a part of any Construction Environmental Management Plan, or similar such document, prepared for this project.

The Heritage Branch would be happy to review any further documentation that may address any likely heritage impacts. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Gary Estcourt at the Heritage Branch on (02) 9873 8562.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Sicari".

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**AS DELEGATE OF THE NSW HERITAGE COUNCIL**