

Ms Claire Muir  
Town Planning Advisor  
1 Reserve Road  
St Leonards NSW 2065

24/06/2021

Dear Ms Muir

**UNSW Health Translation Hub (SSD-10822510)**  
**Response to submissions**

The exhibition of the development application for the above proposal, including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) ended on 15 June 2021. All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects).

The Department requires that you provide a response to the issues raised in those submissions, in accordance with clause 85A(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. Additionally, the Department also requires a response to the issues outlined at **Attachment 1**.

Please provide a response to the issues raised in these submissions within two months.

Note that under clause 113(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, the days occurring between the date of this letter and the date on which your response to submissions is received by the Secretary are not included in the deemed refusal period.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Fu on 9274 6531 or via email at [megan.fu@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:megan.fu@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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**as delegate for the Planning Secretary**

## **Attachment 1**

### **Provision of Outdoor Terraces**

- Further consideration should be given to the provision of outdoor roof terraces to provide amenity for occupants as well as opportunities for outdoor learning or breakout spaces. GANSW have advised that “no access to outdoor learning or breakout spaces is considered a poor outcome”.

### **Canopy Cover and Landscape Plans**

- Consideration should be given to improving tree canopy cover, noting the proposed 14 per cent coverage falls short of minimum 25 per cent recommended within the NSW Government Architect’s Draft Greener Places Design Guide. Any comparisons against the ‘existing’ canopy coverage to justify the proposed canopy cover should be based on an assessment of the canopy cover of the previous residential use of the site, prior to clearing of the site.
- Consideration should be given to opportunities to providing larger trees and more trees at the ground plane, particularly in the deep soil zones, but also through improved soil depth and volumes for on-structure plantings and through more detailed consideration of opportunities and limitations of plantings above and around the stormwater culvert.
- Consideration should also be given to providing plantings to upper levels terraces and utilisation of podium roof areas for landscaping to provide of high-quality outdoor spaces for occupants of the building and to assist with offsetting any shortfall in tree canopy cover.
- The landscape plans are to be updated to:
  - identify the species of each proposed tree on the plans.
  - include a planting schedule that identifies species, pot size, mature height and width, and the number of each of the proposed trees to be planted.
  - provide sections clearly demonstrating soil depth and volume for all plantings on structures and over the stormwater culvert.
  - clarify the provision and specifications of any permeable paving.
  - include any proposed landscaping of terraces or podium roof levels.

### **Bridge Connection to SCH**

- Further consideration should be given to the design of the airbridge connection to the proposed Sydney Children’s Hospital Stage 1 and Children’s Comprehensive Cancer Centre building, having regard to previous advice from the State Design Review Panel on the proposal and the adjoining proposal.

### **Botany Road**

- Remove indented drop-off spaces on Botany Road and provide updated plans to reflect the removal.
- Consideration should be given to providing kerb ramp access for bicycles from the roadway in the vicinity of the ramped access to the end-of-trip facilities.