

27 August 2021

Mr Jim Betts
Secretary
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta, 2150

Dear Mr Betts

RE: Response to Submissions – John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct (SSD-9351535)

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in support of the John Hunter Health and Innovation Precinct was publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days inclusive between 1 June 2021 – 28 June 2021.

In total, ten (10) submissions were received from public agencies and the local Council in response to the public exhibition of the EIS, including:

- Newcastle City Council
- NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)
- Heritage NSW – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
- Biodiversity and Conservation Division
- DPIE Water Division
- Transport for NSW (TfNSW) incorporating Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)
- Hunter Water
- Subsidence advisory

During exhibition, twelve (12) public submissions were received.

The Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE) also provided a summary of key issues in a letter dated 6 July 2021.

HI has reviewed these submissions and provides the attached Response to Submission Report prepared by Ethos Urban. Given the environmental planning merits and significant public benefits proposed by this application (as revised), HI looks forward to the determination of this important project.

Should you have any queries or seek further information regarding the attached Response to Submissions Report, please do not hesitate to contact Nicholas Dowman, Senior Planning Advisor, on 0403 977 113.

Yours sincerely



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