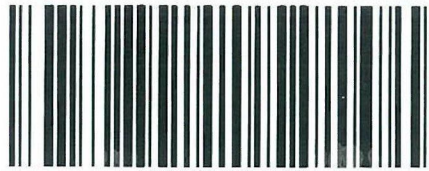




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Dear Ms Warton,

**RE: Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for Port Macquarie Base Hospital Expansion  
(your ref MP11\_0012)**

Thank you for providing Transport for NSW with the opportunity to review the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Port Macquarie Base Hospital. This EA is generally supported however the following issues of concern were noted with respect to Appendix I (Traffic and Parking Report).

The Traffic and Parking Report proposes that the bus stop at the hospital be moved from in front of the main hospital entry ramp, to the southern side of Wrights Road. While this distance is not great, the impact on bus passenger access across Wrights Road is not appropriately addressed in the Environmental Assessment. Future passengers would have to cross the path of all vehicles (including trucks) accessing the hospital, which poses an increased risk to bus passenger safety. The provision of a safe crossing (e.g. zebra crossing) is not mentioned in the report. Additionally the provision of an accessible path of travel, in relation to the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, should be addressed.

Transport for NSW also recommends that a covered canopy be provided between the main hospital entry and over the bus stop in order to encourage the use of public transport and provide weather protection.

The provision of car parking spaces now, to meet the demand required at 2021 or beyond, is contradictory to the reports recommendation that public transport use be encouraged. Consideration should be given to staging the construction of additional parking spaces so as to not over supply in the short term.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Nerida Morgan on 8202 2293 or via email [nerida.morgan@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nerida.morgan@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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