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Ms Megan Fu Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Ms Fu

St George Hospital Redevelopment (SSD 7024) – Notice of Exhibition

Thank you for your letter dated 20 July 2015 inviting comments and advice on recommended conditions of consent for the redevelopment of the St George Hospital site, located on Gray Street, Kogarah NSW.

The proposal involves:

- Construction of an additional eight storeys above the Emergency Department (ED) Building on Gray Street;
- Relocation of the helipad to the rooftop of this building;
- Two additional levels of car parking above the existing Gray Street multi-level car park;
- Refurbishment works to existing hospital buildings and
- Electrical substation works and upgrade works to the existing hospital main entrance.

The subject site is not a heritage listed item and is not located within a conservation area or archaeologically sensitive area. It is, however, located in the immediate vicinity of the Kogarah Fire Station, which is a locally listed item under Schedule 5 of the Kogarah LEP 2012 (Item No. 176) and a state listed item under the NSW Fire Brigade's s.170 Register.

The Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), on behalf of the Heritage Council of NSW, has reviewed the documentation associated with the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Particular attention had been made to the Heritage Impact Statement prepared by Urbis, dated May 2015.

The proposed works will have no physical impact on the heritage significance of the Fire Station. The proposed development will occur wholly outside of the Fire Station's curtilage, and will be a vertical addition to the existing Emergency Department (ED) building. The proposed development will have minimal visual impact to the Fire Station as the proposed works will be located to the South of the heritage item. No significant views of the Fire Station are enjoyed from this Southern aspect. Furthermore, the heritage item is located in an area characterised by multi-storey contemporary developments, particularly in association with the hospital itself.

The following conditions are recommended if approval is granted:

• The current setback between the southern elevation of the Fire Station and the subject site should be maintained. This setback is considered appropriate to enhance the

physical and visual prominence of the Fire Station with its corner setting. The setback will also mitigate potential risk of damage to the heritage item during the construction phase.

- Significant building fabric and elements of the adjacent heritage item are to be protected during the works from potential damage. Protection systems must ensure historic fabric is not damaged or removed. The installation of new services shall be carried out in such a manner as to minimise damage to or removal of historic fabric and shall not obscure historic features.
- The Applicant must ensure that if substantial intact archaeological deposits and/or State significant relics are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.

Should you have any queries, please contact Stela Rahman, Heritage Officer of OEH on (02) 9873 8524 or at <u>stela.rahman@environment.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

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