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Attention: Mr David Gibson

Dear Mr Gibson,

SSD 9211: Lots 5 & 11 Section 64 DP 758721, Lots 1 & 2 DP 845336, Lot 2 DP 1140724 and Lot 403 DP 756894; Corner of Meares and Lewis Street, Mudgee; Mudgee Hospital Redevelopment

Thank you for your email on 29 August 2018 requesting input into the EIS from Roads and Maritime Services for the proposed redevelopment of Mudgee Hospital and Health Services.

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the submitted documentation and notes that the redevelopment involves:

- Construction of a new two storey (plus plant) acute clinical services building to accommodate relocated services.
- On-grade car parking (from 77 spaces to 127 spaces) and drop-off facilities, overall improved wayfinding and access throughout the campus, including new internal roadworks and footpaths.
- Demolition and construction over a period approximately 21 months.
- Consolidation of three (3) existing entry points into two (2).
- Access via Lewis Street for staff parking, emergency and service vehicles. Retention of existing primary driveway on Meares Street to provide access to public parking, including egress of service vehicles (to ensure a forward movement only via Lewis Street).
- A total of 31 hospital beds (no increase) and 99.5 FTW jobs (an increase of 5.9 FTE jobs).

Roads and Maritime makes the following comments for your consideration:

Access

- Prior to occupation of the hospital, any redundant kerb layback crossing accesses are to be removed and replaced with kerb and gutter to match existing kerb and gutter.

Roads and Maritime Services

- Physical, legal, practical and safe vehicular access is to be provided to the site.
- Access treatments are to be constructed in accordance with *Austroads Guide to Road Design 2017* including safe intersection sight distance.
- Internal parking and vehicular manoeuvring areas are to be in accordance with *Australian Standard AS2890*.
- All vehicular access shall provide sufficient sight distance to pedestrians on footways and vehicles travelling on roads within the site. This may require buildings and fence set-back or splaying, and ensuring vegetation is controlled at conflict points.
- All traffic movements to and from the site shall be in a forward direction.
- All parking is to be contained within the site.
- Pram ramps and other pedestrian facilities shall be provided at all appropriate locations throughout the development. Accessible kerb is to be provided at all disabled bays.
- Internal road network and parking areas shall be clearly signposted to avoid confusion.

Service Area

- Way finding signage for routes through Mudgee to the hospital will require input and approval from Roads and Maritime. To arrange such input and approval, please contact the Network and Safety Services Manager on 02 6861 1482.
- All traffic signage is to be in accordance with AS1742 and AS1743.

General

- End of trip facilities for bicycle riders and pedestrians (including bicycle parking racks and lockers) shall be provided at convenient locations within the site and in accordance with AS2890.3 (*Bicycle Parking Facilities*).
- Public transport facilities (bus and taxi drop off/pick up areas) shall be provided at convenient locations servicing the hospital.
- Landscaping, signage and fencing shall not impede sight lines of traffic and or pedestrians within the development, or when entering or leaving the development. Safe intersection sight distance is to be achieved.
- Road and public area lighting shall be designed and provided in accordance with Australian Standards. Particular attention should be placed on pedestrian-vehicle conflict areas and allowance made for local climatic conditions.

Further to the above, Roads and Maritime provides the following concluding remarks:

- It is noted SIDRA modelling on key surrounding intersections, in particular the Church Street and Meares Street intersection being the busiest is currently operating at LOS A and B with significant spare capacity. It was noted within the EIS that no noticeable increase will occur as a result of the redevelopment to the existing road network.

- Roads and Maritime supports the recommendation from the Parking and Traffic Assessment of the formation of a Hospital Transport Advisory Committee as a mitigating measure.
- It has been noted that a report was prepared to the Traffic Committee in conjunction with Council's Traffic Engineer for a crossing facility in Church Street however "the proposal was declined due to lack of funding. A crossing facility may increase pedestrian safety in Church Street however this is not relevant to the hospital redevelopment project". Roads and Maritime seeks clarification as to the process by which this decision was made. Roads and Maritime representatives attend Traffic Committee meetings; however we hold no record of these discussions.

Roads and Maritime appreciates the opportunity to comment on this redevelopment. Should you require further information, please contact the undersigned on 02 6861 1453.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew McIntyre', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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