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**Attention:** Teresa Gizzi

Dear Mr. Gibson

**Mudgee Hospital Redevelopment  
Corner Church, Meares and Lewis Streets, Mudgee (SSD 9211)  
Notice of Exhibition**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 27 August 2018 requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) comment on the above State Significant Development (SSD) Application, currently on exhibition. Please note this response should be read in conjunction with any response provided by Roads and Maritime Services.

The development application seeks approval for the redevelopment of Mudgee Hospital & Health Services (MHS), resulting in no increase of hospital beds and an increase of 5.9 FTE jobs.

The relevant documents have been reviewed and the following comments are provided:

- The proponent should explore ways to encourage greater public transport usage in consultation with the local bus operator (Ogden's) and TfNSW.
- Further investigation into the provision of appropriate bicycle infrastructure and end of trip facilities is recommended to encourage greater cycling usage to and from the hospital.
- Construction management plans should be developed to ensure construction stage impacts on the surrounding road network are mitigated and do not impinge on pedestrians, cyclists and the operations of the bus network.

These comments have been expanded on in **TAB A**.

If you require further clarification regarding the above, please don't hesitate to contact Lee Farrell, Transport Planner, via email at [lee.farrell@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lee.farrell@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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## **TAB A – Detailed Comments of SSD Application 9211**

The following comments have been provided based on the review of the exhibited Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

### **Bus Services**

#### Comment

There are two bus routes servicing the current bus stops on Meares St and Church St - the 560 to Mudgee East and the 562 to Mudgee South. These services are two-hourly and together cover most of Mudgee and its suburban area. Appendix 19- Parking and Traffic Assessment states the infrequency of the bus services and the hours operated make buses an unattractive mode choice to day shift and administration staff, outpatients and visitors.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended the proponent explore ways to encourage greater public transport usage in consultation with the local bus operator (Ogden's) and TfNSW.

### **Active Transport**

#### Comment

Whilst the proponent has prepared a Green Travel Plan to reduce reliance on car usage and encourage more sustainable modes of transportation, Appendix 19 notes only 1.5% of staff cycle to work and that 34.4% of staff would be interested in cycling if end of trip facilities were provided.

#### Recommendation

Further investigation into the provision of appropriate bicycle infrastructure and end of trip facilities is recommended to encourage greater cycling usage to and from the hospital. In addition, future design iterations should implement wayfinding strategies including safe marked walkways and travel access guides to assist with increasing the mode share of walking and cycling.

### **Construction Impacts**

#### Comment

Construction stage impacts could impact on the surrounding road network and impinge on pedestrians, cyclists and the operations of the bus network.

#### Recommendation

Construction management plans should be developed to ensure construction stage impacts on the surrounding road network are mitigated and do not impinge on pedestrians, cyclists and the operations of the bus network. This includes the maintenance of pedestrian and bicycle rider movements along footways and cycleways at all times during construction activities. Should the development require closure to either facility, adequate safety and diversion measures will be put in place to limit time delay and detour distances.