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Our reference: DOC12/33183
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Dear Ms Warton

RE Tamworth Hospital Redevelopment (SSD 5204) Notice of Exhibition

I refer to your letter dated 24th July 2012 requesting comments on the above proposal from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

OEH has responsibilities under the;

- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* - namely the protection and care of Aboriginal objects and places, the protection and care of native flora and fauna and the protection and management of reserves; and the
- *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* which aims to conserve threatened species of flora and fauna, populations and ecological communities to promote their recovery and manage processes that threaten them;
- *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 2003* – ensuring compliance with the requirements of this legislation.

Based on the information provided, the OEH has no specific comments to make on the Hospital Redevelopment at this stage. We assume that the proposal has adequately considered the requirements under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* of the OEH areas of responsibility (ie. natural and cultural heritage conservation issues). Please note that if subsequent information indicates that these areas within the OEH's responsibility require further investigation, the OEH may provide future input.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact Liz Mazzer, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5325 or email liz.mazzer@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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