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**Tamworth Hospital Redevelopment – Submission of Observations, Requests and Demands**

**Submission Requirements as per correspondence 25 July 2012;**

- Tamworth Hospital Redevelopment SSD 5204
- The Hospital Redevelopment is supported
- These vital services are required for regional areas and this particular project will service an expanse of northern NSW which is presently undergoing considerable growth from mining, exploration and supporting services and infrastructure.
- No political donations have been made to any independent or party.

Dear Heather

I write to advise you of my concerns of the ongoing work at the site, my dissatisfaction with communication of the overall project to my elderly mother as per your communication of the 25 July 2012 to Mrs. C. D. Maher, 139 Johnston Street along with some observations, requests and demands regarding both the works, the proposed internal road network and the existing external road network.

I, along with several of my siblings, have been concerned regarding the poor initial planning for work and communication to residents at the site. I accept that this is a large and much needed project which must be delivered to the community under heavy expectation but, with respect, I have observed the lack of communication and disregard for the residents in the immediate area. These concerns are;

- Entry / exit point for heavy vehicles delivering materials and products.
- Point of entry for workers.

- Traffic speed at the work site and surrounds (along Johnston Street between the old nurses quarters entrance and Smith Street).
- Continual noise outside normal hours of work.
- Lack of access and parking to 139 Johnston Street.
- Poor performance, lack of communication and consideration of contractors for gas and power upgrade / extension works at 139 Johnston Street.
- Damage of property by contractors to the same address.
- Uncompleted work to enable access along the footpath at the same address.

### **Demands**

In the first instance I demand that the following be immediately addressed;

- Proper traffic control and temporary speed zoning be put in place immediately.
- The present access to the site be closed and moved to the internal road opposite the Pathology Services Building entry / exit point for easier access to the site, create less congestion at the intersection point with Johnston Street and cause less damage to Council infrastructure in Johnston Street.
- Work vehicles owned by staff be parked on site not in Johnston Street.
- The NO PARKING area be removed at the front of 139 Johnston Street.
- An officer of your department make an appointment with my mother and her representative to explain what is happening, will happen, when and why and answer any concerns that she may have.
- The damage to fencing at 139 Johnston Street be addressed immediately to be repaired to the satisfaction of Mrs. Maher and her representative.
- The work to the footpath at the same address be completed immediately to the satisfaction of Mrs. Maher and her representative.

### **Requests**

The hospital has grown to keep pace with demand for services and particularly in the last decade or so. With this demand and supply of services, it also appears that traffic within the local area has been increasing at a similar rate. It is impossible to park within a block of my mothers property at most times as staff have taken up the spaces generally between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Friday. I ask that the following be taken into consideration in conjunction with Tamworth Regional Council's Traffic Planners, as part of the proposed development;

1. Entry to hospital services now being given via the Blood Bank / Pathology / Emergency road be taken onto the proposed internal ring road to the east and the old entry be closed to the point of the Pathology building.
2. Roundabouts be placed at both Dean and Smith Street intersections.
3. Parking along the southern side of Johnston Street from the eastern boundary of Tamwell to the Smith Street intersection be for local traffic only.
4. Pathways be placed from the Piper Street and Bligh Street intersection along Piper Street to Smith Street, along Smith Street to Johnston then be produced on the

internal link road as required. This will support the Proposed Shared Pathway announced this week by Tamworth Regional Council which is to run from Peel Street north along Jewry and Dean Streets to the hospital.

5. At a minimum, traffic calming devices be placed in Johnston Street with 1. and 3. being actioned.

In conclusion I must say that generally the residents and in particular my mother have not had the support through proper communication. This redevelopment is most important to the region and I am well aware of the work that has had to have been undertaken to propel it to fruition. I look forward to your support for my mother in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Maher', written in a cursive style.

Barry Maher