



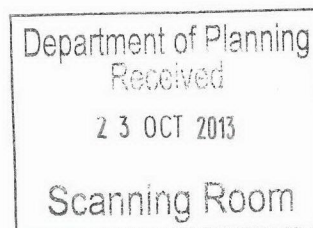
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Attention: Ms Megan Fu

Dear Ms Wharton

Re: Lismore Base Hospital Redevelopment (Stage 3A) (SSD 13_5816) Notice of Exhibition

Thank you for your letter dated 27 August 2013 requesting comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the proposed redevelopment of Lismore Base Hospital. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

OEH has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement submitted in support of the project application. On the basis of this review, OEH is able to support the proposal due to its limited potential or likelihood for impacts relating to OEH's statutory responsibilities for biodiversity (including threatened species, populations, ecological communities, or their habitats), Aboriginal and historic heritage, National Parks and Wildlife Service estate, flooding and estuary management.

In relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage, OEH notes that the site has been assessed and that measures are included to protect heritage values where they may occur. However, the Director-General's Requirement 18 issued by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure states that the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage must be conducted in accordance with the *OEH Aboriginal Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*. The documentation provided for review includes a consultation process that is inconsistent with those requirements and OEH recommends that this inconsistency be addressed.

OEH also notes that although the site is located outside the boundaries of any flood planning area, a small portion of the site (outside the development footprint) was assessed as having low flood risk potential. Hence, further consideration of flooding by OEH is not necessary for the proposal.

If you require further information or clarification please contact Ms Kelly Roche, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on telephone 02 6659 8288.

Yours sincerely

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