



Office of
Environment
& Heritage



Our Ref: DOC18/342529
Your Ref: SSD 8963

Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Attention: Mr David Gibson

Dear Mr Gibson

Re: Lismore Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 3C EIS (SSD 8963)

Thank you for your letter dated 28 May 2018 about the Lismore Base Hospital Redevelopment Stage 3C Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) seeking comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

The OEH has statutory responsibilities relating to biodiversity (including threatened species, populations, ecological communities, or their habitats), Aboriginal and historic heritage, National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) estate, flooding and estuary management.

We have reviewed the EIS and supporting documents provided and advise you that issues relating to our statutory responsibilities have been adequately addressed for the project.

In reviewing the *Stage 3B Heritage Impact Statement* (January 2015) we note that the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment concludes that further investigation is not required due to low potential for Aboriginal objects to be present on the site. We also note the applicant's ongoing consultation strategies with the local Aboriginal community, which we support to inform the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage for the project.

The OEH recommends the consent authority considers the findings of both the Stage 3A and stage 3B Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments when developing conditions for management of any unexpected Aboriginal cultural heritage finds within the proposed future works.

If you have any further questions about the matters discussed or recommendation provided, Mr Don Owner, Senior Conservation Planning Officer, Regional Operations, OEH, can be contacted on 6659 8233 or at don.owner@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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