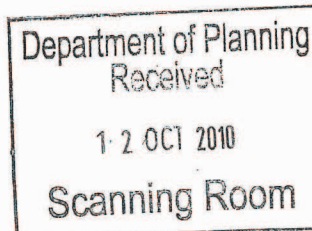


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Dear Mr Cavallo

**Re: Exhibition of Modification Environmental Assessment for Royal North Shore Hospital
St Leonards – MP08_0172 MOD3**

I refer to your letter, dated 16 September 2010, regarding the exhibition of modification Environmental Assessment (EA) for Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH) at St Leonards (M08_0172 MOD3) and the enclosed CD which included the EA. I understand that the proposed modifications are very essential to the delivery of services by the RNSH and they include a new helipad on the approved Acute Hospital Building and a minor increase in height of the building. I also refer to documents submitted by the proponent to DECCW and to previous communications with the proponent.

Based on the information available to DECCW, and in addition to our recent letter (a copy is attached) to the proponent, dated 28 September 2010, the following comments are provided for your consideration:

Air Quality Impact

Based on the information included in the above EA report, it appears that exhaust air emissions generated by the helicopter are highly likely to enter the building through the air intakes located at various levels of the building. DECCW recommends that the proponent gives appropriate consideration to this issue to ensure that these emissions do not have adverse impact on the occupants (patients, staff and visitors) of the building.

Noise Impact Assessment

Based on the information included in the above EA and previous communication with the proponent, it appears that the noise impact of the modification is likely to be minimal on both the building occupants and nearby residents provided that the recommended preferred fly path is adhered to and the recommended noise amelioration measures are implemented.




Recommended Conditions of Approval

DECCW is unable to prepare comprehensive licence conditions in relation to the proposed co-generation plant until final proposal designs are completed and recommended amelioration measures are adopted. In any case, licence conditions will be consistent with DECCW's policies/guidelines, with previous advices regarding this proposal and in line with conditions imposed on similar activities conducted in NSW.

I hope the above comments are helpful to you, however if you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Nicolas Israel on 9995 6821.

Yours sincerely

 8/10/10

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