

13 June 2012

Mr Michael File
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Dear Mr File,

Re: Royal North Shore Hospital Clinical Services Building

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 2012 advising of the approval granted for the modification of the above project. Unfortunately Conditions B6 B8 and cannot be complied with and we therefore ask your consideration of a further modification to remove these conditions.

Currently Condition B6 states:

B6 Clinical Services Building

Prior to the commencement of works details of the proposed landscaping and a pedestrian connection along the western side of the Clinical Services Building are to be provided to the Department for approval. The purpose of the landscaping is to screen the lower level of the building façade and the pedestrian connection is to provide a link from Blue Road to Westbourne Road.

The reasons that this condition is unworkable are set out below.

Building 8 sits adjacent to the new Clinical Services Building and is the Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation Building. Patients within this building require both natural light, outside relaxation and also privacy. The western side of the Clinical Services Building contains the Mental Health Unit. This unit offers inpatient care to both High Dependency and Low Dependency patients. These patients require access to courtyards with natural light providing privacy. There is also a risk that any potential pedestrians in this location could be subject to antisocial behaviour from these acute patients.

The lower level of the Clinical Services Building also contains the Electrical Substation to service the building. Ausgrid require direct access to the substation however due to blast proofing requirements no pedestrian access adjacent to the substation is allowed. This is why the substation is located away from the pedestrian footpath along Westbourne Street.

Similarly landscaping in this area is not considered to be appropriate from a security perspective.

Condition B8 states:

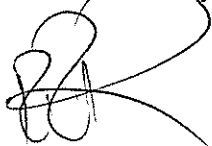
Condition B8 Westbourne Street Parking

1 hour parking signs are to be installed on Westbourne Street along the frontage of the Clinical Services Building,

Westbourne Street sits within the campus footprint and is not a public road. We are bound by a commercial agreement with the car park operator to provide for three (3) hour parking signs to be placed along Westbourne Street and this arrangement cannot be changed.

Health Infrastructure therefore requests that Condition B6 and B8 be removed from the modification. We would be happy to discuss further and provide additional information if required.

Yours faithfully,



Robert Rust
Chief Executive