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Dear Peter,

While we didn't specifically respond to this request due to available staff resources at the time, we referred to some issues in our response regarding the San Day Surgery proposal (attached for your information).

Our comments at this stage are as follows:

\* The SAN proposal for the main campus repeats the significantly flawed table referred to our in day surgery response, as an appendix to the Social and Economic Benefits Assessment paper (Appendix CC). As this table purports to point to the development meeting service gaps, it needs serious attention.

\* The main campus proposal does not refer to the Day Surgery Centre proposal or vice versa, so it is hard to know if one precludes the other. Do they plan to build two day surgery units?

If you require any further information, please contact David Small, Project Manager, Services Development, on (02) 9926 7944.

Kind regards,

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Attn: Ben Eveleigh

**Subject: Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for Sydney Adventist Hospital,  
Hornsby (MP 09\_0199)**

Dear Mr Eveleigh

I write in response to your letter of 10 September 2010 to Matthew Daly, Chief Executive, Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service. I have been asked to respond on the Chief Executive's behalf.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the above project. Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service (NSCCAHS) is currently undertaking planning for a major redevelopment for mental health services on the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital campus, as well as in the early stages of a Service Procurement Plan and Project Definition Plan for stage 1 of a redevelopment of priority medical services on the hospital site. We noted the plans by the Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH) with interest.

Unfortunately the EA does not identify the nature or volume of the work to be undertaken in the new facility. It does not make clear, as far as I can make out, whether the development represents a transfer of activity from the main hospital at Wahroonga (the plans for which also contain a day surgery unit) or an additional service. The nature of the service will have an impact on the assumptions made by NSCCAHS in relation to future surgical requirements at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital (HKH). The reference to the Extended Recovery Care licence and the need for 79 beds would imply a significant increase in service provision, but no projected throughput information is available.

In reviewing the Sydney Adventist Hospital Social and Economic Benefits report prepared by Urbis for the Wahroonga development to identify day surgery planning for that campus, I was concerned to note how many errors occurred in Appendix B – audit of services in public hospitals in Northern Sydney. The table was prepared to identify “key service and facility gaps” (page 11) and therefore should provide a significant planning baseline for the project. Unfortunately the table is so replete with significant errors and

omissions as to render it almost useless to the task (for example, identifying that Royal North Shore Hospital does not have an emergency department, that none of the public hospitals provide community services). In particular it "identifies" that only one of our five public hospitals in the northern Sydney area provides day surgery, when in fact all do. This leads to the implication that the SAH project is meeting a major gap in the provision of public surgical services. While there may be potential for growth in the private day surgery market, I would not wish your department to be misled by this information.

The following issues may have an impact on Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, and should be noted:

1. The report notes that construction will be undertaken over two stages. No timeframes are provided at this point, but consultation with NSCCAHS will be essential to ensure that projects across the two campuses are timed to ensure minimal disruption to the agencies and to the local community. We would wish to ensure that the operation of the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital is not affected by the SAH project.
2. In terms of future growth potential of the HKH, consultation will need to occur in relation to any impact of the SAH development on service infrastructure, such as power availability.
3. Car parking and congestion are issues for the local community, and we would wish to ensure that construction worker parking requirements are adequately addressed for the duration of the building phase.
4. We would like to see reference to how medical emergencies would be managed at the day surgery centre – for example, would patients be transferred back to the SAH in Wahroonga or across the road to the HKH emergency department? There is no expectation at this point that HKH will provide either clinical or corporate support to the day surgery centre, and they have not been consulted on this matter so far.

Issues of timing will be significant once the Hornsby Adult and Child and Adolescent Mental Health projects are finalised, and it will be crucial that communication occurs with Health Infrastructure to manage the impact of these projects.

Thank you for bringing these issues to my attention. Should you have further enquiries, please contact me on Tel: (02) 9926 5221.

Yours sincerely



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