

Industry Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
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ATTN: Louise Starkey

Dear Madam/ Sir,

Northside Private Hospital, West Gosford (SSD-10159) (Central Coast)

Thank you for your request via ePlanning Portal (ref: PAE-2085) dated 18 February 2020 requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) review and comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) supporting a State Significant Development (SSD) application for Northside Private Hospital, West Gosford.

Legislation came into effect on 1 December 2019 that brings together Roads & Maritime Services and TfNSW. This response reflects the advice from the new organisation.

The supporting documentation provided in support of the SSD has been reviewed, and detailed comments are provided in **ATTACHMENT A**.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the above development application. Should you require clarification of any issue raised, please don't hesitate to contact Robert Rutledge, Principal Transport Planner, Land Use Planning and Development at Robert.rutledge@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Active Transport Considerations

Comment

The supporting documentation provided in support of the proposed development application has been reviewed, and the following recommendation is provided for your consideration.

Recommendation

It is requested that the applicant be conditioned to provide bicycle parking and end of trip facilities for staff and customers in accordance with Gosford Council Development Control Plans, standards and guideline documents including:

- Locate bicycle facilities in secure, convenient, accessible areas close to the main entries incorporating adequate lighting and passive surveillance and in accordance with Austroads guidelines;
- Provide signage/marked walkways to the hospital from the car park; and
- Update the Architectural package to show where these facilities will be located.

Green/ Workplace Travel Plan

Comment

To better manage demand on the transport network, the recommendations below are provided to encourage the use of sustainable transport to the site, which will help reduce the use of single vehicle trips.

Recommendation

It is requested that prior to the issue of the first Occupation Certificate, the applicant be conditioned to prepare a Travel Plan in consultation with TfNSW for the proposed development which must be approved by TfNSW. The Travel Plan should:

- Identify suitable nearby drop-off/pick-up locations;
- Identify areas where drop-off/pick-up is prohibited and instruct staff and visitors to avoid use of these areas;
- Identify suitable nearby Taxi Zones;
- Identify strategies and mode share targets that encourage the use of public and active transport and reduce the proportion of single-occupant car journeys to the site;
- Include a Transport Access Guide that provides information to employees, patients and visitors about the range of travel modes, access arrangements and supporting facilities that service the site;
- Establish mode share targets and outline robust actions to achieve those targets. Greater consideration needs to be placed on cycling which is currently listed as zero percent mode share in the EIS e.g. end of trips facilities;
- Identify relevant workplace policies such as flexible working arrangements that enable administrative staff to travel outside peak periods, or which reduce the need for work related travel;
- Consider the appropriateness of any relevant parking policies to manage travel demand;
- Details of the Private Shuttle Service operations with consideration for shift hours, public transport connections and innovation such as on demand services;
- Details of carpooling operations and monitoring of parking priority;

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- Appoint a Travel Plan Coordinator to oversee the implementation of the Travel Plan and Transport Access Guide;
- Nominate a party responsible for the ongoing monitoring and review of the Travel Plan, including the delivery of actions and associated mode share targets;
- Include a breakdown of staff shift patterns including the number of staff commencing shifts at particular times; and the residential postcodes of where those staff are travelling from, if known; and
- Include, if available, details of visiting hours and anticipated numbers of patients and visitors.

The applicant shall submit a copy of the final Travel Plan to the Coordinator General, Transport Coordination within TfNSW for endorsement; and provide the builder's direct contact number to small businesses adjoining or impacted by the construction work.

Road Network Considerations

Comment

The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements **Item 2** states:

- *"The assessment is to include traffic and parking generated by existing and approved developments, as well as that by the proposal, and consider car sharing facilities to reduce overall parking demands in the area."*

Appendix 9 - Traffic Impact Assessment (TRAFFIX, September 2019); Section 6 – Traffic and Transport Impacts does not address this requirement. Hospital shift work changes during peak school person trips.

Recommendation

The Traffic Impact Assessment should be updated to include the requirement of Item 2 above to include Gosford Public Hospital, Henry Kendall High School, Gosford Public School and any existing and approved developments within the Concept Master Plan. The impact to the surrounding intersections should then be reassessed with SIDRA modelling software.

Comment

TfNSW does not support access to Racecourse Road in the location proposed. The sight of the proposed access is compromised by the alignment of Racecourse Road, and accesses to the classified road corridor should be limited.

The seagull intersection proposed with the site access (Table 11) is not appropriate for an urban location, and the width of Racecourse Road would not allow for a seagull compliant with Austroads Guidelines to be provided.

Recommendation

It is requested that the applicant be conditioned to provide all access to Northside Private Hospital to / from Faunce Street, and an upgrade of Racecourse Road and Faunce Street should be provided to Council's requirements. Additional emergency vehicle only direct access to Racecourse Road can be considered subject to design.

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Advisory Comments

TfNSW also provides the following advisory comments for consideration by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment:

- A Construction Traffic Management Plan detailing construction vehicle routes, number of trucks, hours of operation, access arrangements and traffic control should be submitted to the Consent Authority for approval prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.