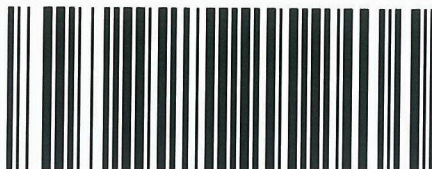


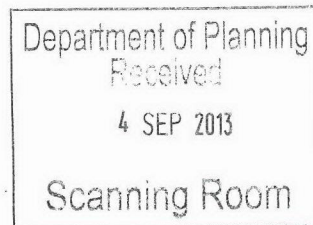


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Attention: Megan Fu

Response to Kempsey District Hospital Redevelopment (SSD 5363)

Dear Ms Fu

Thank you for your email dated 31 July 2013 requesting for Transport for NSW (TfNSW) comments on the redevelopment proposal for Kempsey District Hospital.

TfNSW has reviewed the document *Transport and Accessibility Study, Kempsey District Hospital Redevelopment, dated 5 April 2013* prepared as part of the Final Schematic Design Report by GTA Consultants.

Consolidated comments from TfNSW and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) are provided below:

- The key interests for TfNSW/RMS are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure assets and the integration of land use and transport.
- River Street (MR75) forms part of the classified road network. Kempsey Shire Council is the 'Roads Authority' for this road and all other roads in the area. RMS concurrence is required under S138 of the Roads Act 1993 for works within the road reserve of MR75. Consultation with the Council, as the roads authority, should be undertaken by the consent authority.
- The 'Transport & Accessibility Study' as prepared by GTA Consultants has 'generally' addressed the direct access and parking impacts of the proposal. However, TfNSW/RMS notes that the report has not adequately addressed the following issues:
 - The impacts of additional traffic generation on adjacent intersections - In particular, the identified increase in traffic movements at the River Street / Polwood Street intersection should be considered given that the existing intersection layout has no protection for vehicles turning right into Polwood Street from River Street. The proposed redevelopment will result in increased demand for this right-turn movement given the location of on-site parking and Ambulance access. TfNSW/RMS recommends that an appropriate intersection treatment be provided to safely accommodate the traffic movements generated by the development. RMS and Council need to be consulted by the proponent for technical input and comment on any option proposed.

- Pedestrian safety issues at the River Street/Polwood Street intersection - No suitable pedestrian facilities are provided to cross River Street and access to the hospital from the bus stop located on the western side of MR75, adjacent to the River Street/Polwood Street intersection. It is recommended that the applicant relocate the bus stop to the south of the newly proposed car park and pedestrian facility on River Street. This would improve pedestrian connectivity to public transport and pedestrian safety.
- Vehicle safety issues at the River Street/Polwood Street intersection - The existing bus stop arrangement on the western side of MR75, adjacent to the River Street/Polwood Street intersection, requires buses to stop adjacent to right turning traffic and blocking through traffic movements at this location. The recommended bus stop relocation to the south of the newly proposed car park and pedestrian facility on River Street would provide sufficient space to accommodate a suitable protected right-turn treatment at the River Street/Polwood Street intersection.
- Additionally, TfNSW/RMS advises that the use of pedestrian crossings internally to the site be carefully considered in relation to public liability against the hospital management. Official pedestrian facilities in road-related areas can be discussed with the Local Traffic Committee and must meet the applicable guidelines.
- Where external connections to the bicycle network are not available, consideration should be given to how the hospital may be better connected to this alternate transport mode.
- TfNSW/RMS recommends that a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan be prepared to address traffic and safety related impacts arising from the construction process. This should address access points/adjacent intersections operation, parking, service vehicle access, bus movements, pedestrians and cyclist access.

Should you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Mark Ozinga on 8202 2198 or Mark.Ozinga@transport.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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