

24 November 2014

The Secretary  
Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

*Attn: David Gibson*

Dear David,

**Re: Proposed Section 96 (1A) Modification to SSD 5729\_2012  
Bega Valley Health Services Redevelopment**

In September 2013, the above application was approved for Stage 2 redevelopment of Bega Valley Health Service. The construction of this project is well underway. In an effort to expedite the completion of the project, Health Infrastructure (HI) seeks approval to extend the hours of work for the project, to facilitate the delivery, installation and storage of furniture, equipment and materials for the hospital after hours.

The appointed contractor, Brookfield Multiplex, has requested the hours of construction be extended to allow the timely delivery of the project. HI supports this position and believes that due to the isolated nature of the site, and the type of work being undertaken, there would be little impact of the additional hours.

The activities to be undertaken during this time include; the delivery of furniture and equipment that will be installed into the hospital as it is fitted out. The furniture includes items such as desks, tables, seating, office and IT equipment such as computers, monitors and televisions etc.

The reason behind the extended hours, is to allow for the deliveries to be received as they arrive, (generally from Sydney or Melbourne into Bega), which avoids double handling and additional storage costs. In addition, taking these deliveries when there is less construction traffic on site will be safer for the delivery staff and personnel on site. A new traffic route is proposed for deliveries outside of the current working hours. This will ensure the traffic noise will have the least impact on the community, rather than increasing traffic on the current route.

The approved hours are from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 5pm on Saturday.

No work is approved on Sundays.

HI seeks the extension of hours to:

- 7am to 10pm Monday to Friday
- 7am to 6pm on Saturdays and
- 7am to 3pm on Sundays.

The Acoustic Logic report attached identifies that during the additional hours, the work proposed will not generate significant noise provided deliveries are no more than every 30 minutes and the other noise management techniques noted in the report are adopted. HI and its contractor commits to these measures.

Background noise levels and allowable noise emissions at sensitive receivers have been documented in the report and support that view. Accordingly, it is unlikely that the extended hours will have any significant environmental impacts. HI therefore requests that Condition D1 be amended to reflect the above hours.

Yours sincerely,



**Sam Sangster**  
**Chief Executive**