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Ms Fiona Gibson  
Acting Team Leader – Modification Assessments  
NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Fiona,

**RE: SSD 6840 MOD 1 – Modification Application – St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the abovementioned modification. City Staff have reviewed the proposal and support the modification. Notwithstanding this, the following points are raised by the City for your consideration.

**Proposal**

The subject SSD modification relates to a range of minor internal and external modifications, a minor reduction in the height of the East Wing building and changes to the building identification signage. The modifications necessitate amendments to Condition A2 for the purpose of updating the drawings.

**Tree Removal**

Section 2.1 of the revised Statement of Environmental Effects contains a schedule of proposed modifications. This includes the removal of seven trees within the north eastern portion of the site identified on drawing number DA-00-802 (Rev. E). It is noted an Arborist Report has not been submitted with the application, nor has the removal of trees been further addressed within the SEE.

On 14 July 2016, Council Officers undertook an inspection of the St Vincent's Hospital site. The inspection revealed that the trees nominated for removal on drawing number DA-00-802 (Rev. E) have already been removed from the site. In the event these trees have been removed without consent, Council recommends further investigation and action by the Department of Planning and Environment.

**Health and Environment**

The Stage 1 Preliminary Site Investigation Study submitted with the EIA for SSD 6840 identified a potential risk of site contamination. In its submission dated 22 May 2016, the City recommended a Detailed Environmental Site Investigation (DESI) be undertaken to establish the concentration and extent of any contaminants on the site and determine if remediation works were required. A suitable condition was recommended.

The subject modification seeks consent for an 'increase to the extent of the demolition area' at Level 4 (annotated on DA-00-802 (Rev. E). In this regard, Council recommends a modification to consent conditions requiring any additional demolition and/or excavation works associated with the subject proposal to be considered and adequately addressed within an amended DESI where relevant.

### **Heritage**

The proposed external modifications will have minimal impact upon heritage items located within proximity of the site or upon the adjacent heritage conservation areas (C11 & C12) in Darlinghurst.

### **Urban Design**

The proposal is generally acceptable from an Urban Design perspective in terms of façade and signage amendments.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about the above, please contact Michaela Briggs, Planner, on 9265 9333 or at [mbriggs1@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mbriggs1@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Corradi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**CHRISTOPHER CORRADI**  
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