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To Whom It May Concern,

**RE: Nepean Hospital Redevelopment – Public art, cultural heritage and community consultation**

We write with regard to the Nepean Hospital Redevelopment and the State Significant Development Application for the Stage 1 tower. We understand the application was recently on public exhibition and comments from the community and other government organisations were made regarding public art, cultural heritage and community consultation.

We would like to confirm that the Nepean Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1 Art Strategy was developed in close collaboration with the project team to reflect the specific needs of Nepean Hospital and the cultural heritage of its catchment community. A draft of the strategy was presented to the project’s consumer committee and specific feedback was sought from the hospital’s Aboriginal and Multicultural Health units.

Additionally, broader community consultation on the art program was sought via the redevelopment consultation activities including a questionnaire with specific questions on the redevelopment’s art program. The community response from these activities was considered in the finalisation of the art strategy.

The final strategy outlines multiple art projects, designed specifically to contribute to cultural, social and environmental sustainability. This includes local artist professional development, capacity building, mentorships and staff creative educational opportunities. The aim is to deliver a diverse range of contemporary art experiences, applied in strategic locations, to soothe, relax and delight and focus on the needs of patients, staff and visitors within the catchment area.

Sincerely,

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