

# Nepean Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1

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Abbreviation	Definition
AHD	Australian Height Datum
BCA	Building Code of Australia
CIV	Capital Investment Value
Consent	Development Consent
Council	Penrith City Council
Department	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
EP&A Act	Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
EP&A Regulation	Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
EPI	Environmental Planning Instrument
ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
Minister	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
RtS	Response to Submissions
SEARs	Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
Secretary	Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SRD SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011
SSD	State Significant Development



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This report provides an assessment of an application to modify the State significant development consent (SSD) for the Nepean Hospital Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment Stage 1 at 35-65 Derby Street, Kingswood (SSD 8766).

The modification application seeks approval for design refinements, including relocation and consolidation of plant to lower levels of the building, adjustments to some floor to floor heights, minor external changes to the façade, windows, parapets, helipad, signage and ancillary landscaping and stormwater management changes

The application was lodged by NSW Health Infrastructure (the Applicant) pursuant to section 4.55(1A) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*.

# 1.1 Site Description

The site is located at 35-65 Derby Street, Kingswood and is legally described as Lot 1 in DP 1114090. The site is approximately 30 kilometres (km) west of the Parramatta central business district (CBD), 60km west of the Sydney CBD and 20km north of the proposed Western Sydney Airport as shown in **Figure 1**. The site is also located approximately 2 km south-east of Penrith CBD, 600 metres (m) from Kingswood Station/CBD and approximately 2.2km north west of educational campuses including the University of Western Sydney, TAFE NSW Nepean College and University of Sydney Nepean Clinical School. The location of the site in a regional and local context are provided in **Figures 1** and **2**.



Figure 1 | Regional context map (Source: Google Maps 2019)



Figure 2 | Site location map (Source: Google Maps 2019)

The site is irregular in shape and has an area of approximately 13.92 hectares, with an approximately 400m frontage to Derby Street to the south. The site is bounded by Parker Street to the west, Derby Street to the south, Somerset Street to the east, and Great Western Highway and Barber Avenue to the north. The site slopes from the south-western corner of the site to the north-eastern corner, falling approximately 8.5m over 500m. Demolition works are currently taking place on the site (see **Figure 2**).

The site is zoned SP2 Infrastructure under the Penrith Local Environmental Plan 2010 (PLEP) and is defined as a health services facility. The site is not heritage listed item or within a heritage conservation area.

Nepean Private Hospital adjoins the site to the north-east. The Great Western Highway and Western railway line are to the north of the site, with light industrial uses north of the railway line. The area immediately to the east, south and west is a mix of low to high density residential developments. Penrith High School is to the west of the site.

# 1.2 Approval History

On 25 February 2019, the Executive Director, Priority Projects Assessments, granted development consent to SSD 8766 for the redevelopment of redevelopment of Nepean Hospital Integrated Ambulatory Services (Stage 1) involving the demolition of existing structures, construction of a new 14 storey clinical and ambulatory services building with rooftop helipad and associated works to access, parking, tree removal and landscaping subject to conditions.

The development consent has been modified twice (see **Table 1**).

**Table 1** | Summary of Modifications

Mod No.	Summary of Modifications	Approval Authority	Type	Approval Date
MOD 1	Modification to condition B10 Unexpected Contamination Strategy, to allow for on-site remediation	Department	4.55(1)	25 June 2019
MOD 2	Current modification	Department	4.55(1A)	-
MOD 3	Modification to condition B9 – Site Contamination, to allow for staged remediation works	Department	4.55(1A)	14 August 2019
MOD 4	Modification of various conditions to allow for the stage issue of Crown Certificates	Department	4.55(1A)	Under assessment



On 7 August 2019, the Applicant lodged a modification application seeking approval to amend the consent under section 4.55(1A) of the EP&A Act.

The modification application seeks approval for:

- relocation and consolidation of plant from the rooftop (Level 13) to lower levels of the building and resultant reduction of the building parapet.
- amendment to the helipad layout.
- indicative location of flues and other minor rooftop fixtures, including a helipad windsock.
- addition of a communications room to Level 1.
- increases to floor to floor heights:
  - o Level 1 increased by 100mm to Level 2.
  - o Level 4 increased by 300mm to Level 5.
  - o Level 6 increased by 300mm to Level 7.
- façade amendments including changes to external materials, rooftop lobby façade changes and the addition of a temporary façade to the western elevation.
- amendments to external building identification signage.
- addition of a services access road.
- ancillary changes to landscaping and stormwater management.

On 26 September 2019, the Applicant provided additional information outlining further proposed modifications including façade colour changes on the southern, eastern and western elevations and window changes along the southern façade.

The Applicant has requested the modification as the design development process has identified potential for improvements to the functional capacity of the building from a clinical and operational perspective.

Key aspects of the proposed modification are shown in **Figures 3** to **12**.

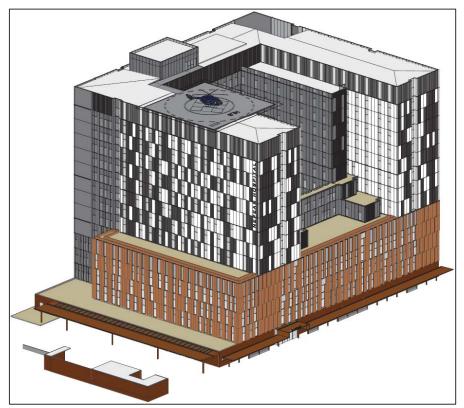
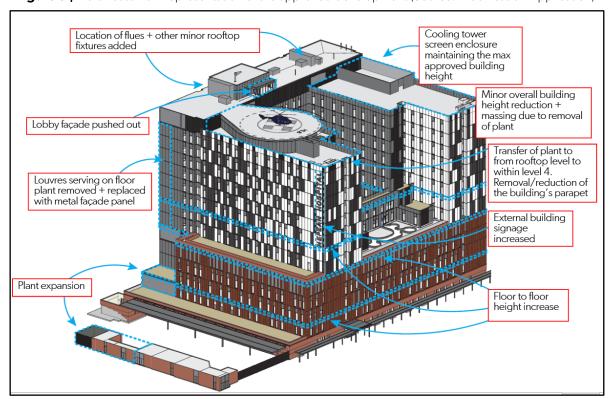
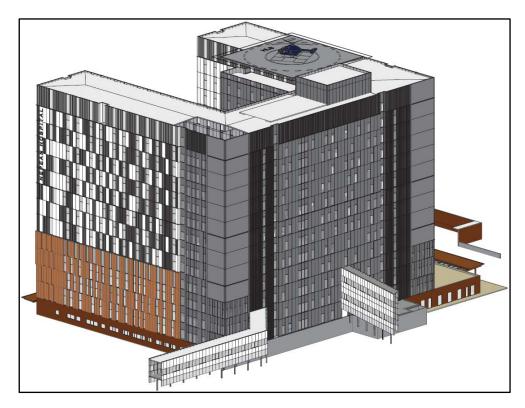


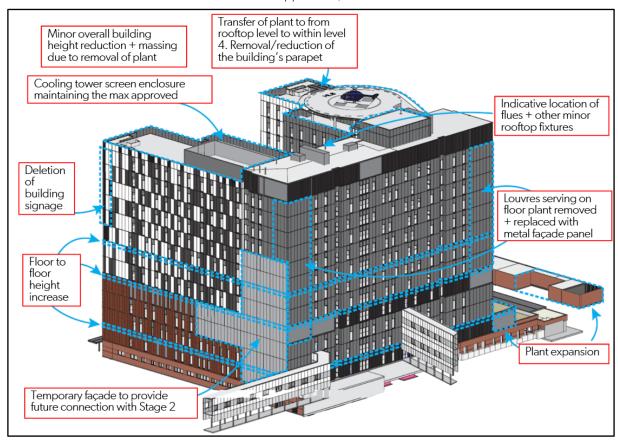
Figure 3 | North-east view representation of the approved development (Source: Modification Application)



**Figure 4** | North-east view representation of the proposed development (Source: Modification Application) (Note: See Figures 11 – 13 for superseding façade/window changes)



**Figure 5** | Approved south-west view representation of the approved development (Source: Modification Application)



**Figure 6** | South-west view representation of the proposed development (Source: Modification Application) (Note: See Figures 11 – 13 for superseding façade/window changes)

#### **Relocation and consolidation of plant**

The application proposes to relocate the majority of plant from the rooftop level (Level 13) to lower levels within the building. To accommodate the relocated plant there are minor amendments proposed to the Level 4 internal plant layout and expansion of the external plant spine on Level 00 (see **Figures 7** and **8**).



Figure 7 | Proposed (top) and approved (bottom) Level 00 floor plan (Source: Modification Application)



Figure 8 | Proposed (left) and approved (right) Level 4 floor plan (Source: Modification Application)

#### Indicative location of flues and other minor rooftop fixtures

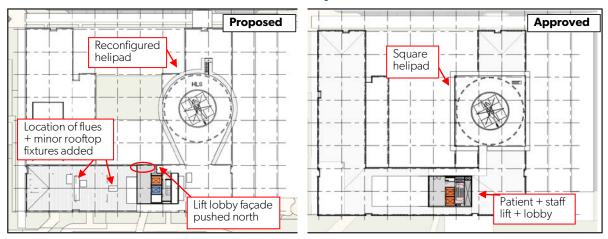
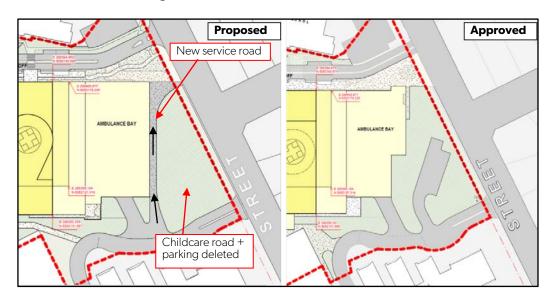


Figure 9 | Proposed (left) and approved (right) Level 14 floor plan (Source: Modification Application)

#### **Service access road**

The proposal seeks to add a new service access road to the east of the building near the ambulance bay that will connect to Somerset Street (see **Figure 10**).



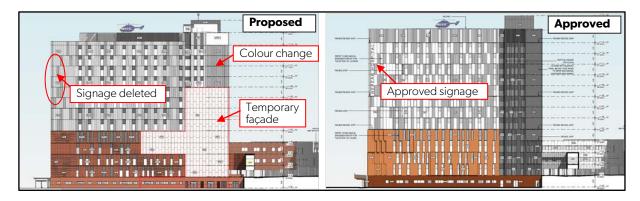
**Figure 10 |** Proposed (left) and approved (right) overall site plan showing the proposed access road (Source: Modification Application)

#### **External façade changes**

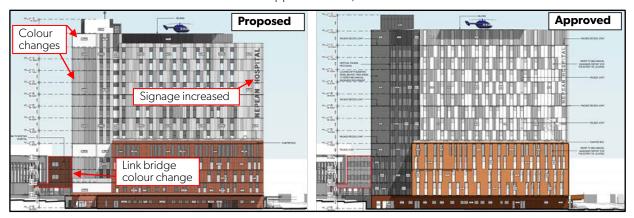
The proposal seeks to apply a temporary façade to an area of the western elevation to provide for future connection with the future pending Stage 2 redevelopment of the Nepean Hospital. The extent of the temporary façade area can be seen in **Figure 11** below. The proposal also seeks to augment windows on the southern elevation and change the colour of: the southern façade, south-west and south-east corners of the eastern and western façade and the link bridges to existing hospital blocks.

### **Amendments to external building signage**

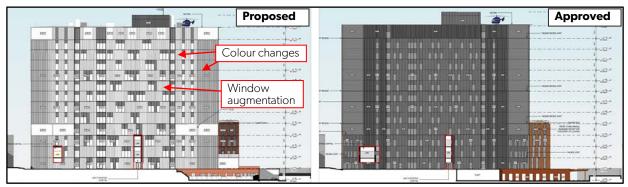
The proposal seeks to delete the external building identification signage on the western façade and increase the size of the signage on the eastern façade (**Figure 11** and **12**).



**Figure 11 |** Proposed (left) and Approved (right) Western Elevation (Source: Modification Application and Approved Plans)



**Figure 12 |** Proposed (left) and Approved (right) Eastern Elevation (Source: Modification Application and Approved Plans)



**Figure 13** | Proposed (left) and Approved (right) Southern Elevation (Source: Modification Application and Approved Plans)



# 3. Strategic Context

The Department considers that the proposed modification is appropriate for the site given:

- it is consistent with A Metropolis of Three Cities The Greater Sydney Region Plan, as the plan identifies increased investment to improve health care services within greater Penrith that will support its classification as one of a Health and Education Precinct.
- it is consistent with the Western City District Plan, as the plan identifies that the upgrade of Nepean Hospital will enhance innovation, research, health and education activities.
- it is consistent with the State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038, as it would continue investment in health infrastructure to support a growing and ageing population and enable the delivery of modern health infrastructure to support improved health outcomes for the people of Western Sydney.
- it is consistent with the Future Transport Strategy 2056, as it provides improved health facilities within a regional centre, which would support its role as a regional hub for employment and services.



# 4. Statutory Context

## 4.1 Scope of Modifications

The Department has reviewed the scope of the modification application and considers that the application can be characterised as a modification involving minimal environmental impacts as the proposal:

- would not increase the environmental impacts of the project as approved;
- is substantially the same development as originally approved; and
- would not involve any further disturbance outside the already approved disturbance areas for the project.

Therefore, the Department is satisfied the proposed modification is within the scope of section 4.55(1A) of the EP&A Act and does not constitute a new development application. Accordingly, the Department considers that the application should be assessed and determined under section 4.55(1A) of the EP&A Act rather than requiring a new development application to be lodged.

## 4.2 Mandatory Matters for Consideration

The following environmental planning instruments (EPIs) apply to the site:

- State Environmental Planning Policy (State & Regional Development) 2011
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007
- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 20 Hawkesbury-Nepean
- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 Remediation of Land (SEPP 55)
- State Environmental Planning Policy No. 33 Hazardous and Offensive Development
- Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Remediation of Land)
- Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Environment)
- Penrith Local Environmental Plan (PLEP) 2010.

The Department conducted a comprehensive assessment of the project against the abovementioned EPIs under section 4.15 of the EP&A Act as part of the original assessment of SSD 8766.

The Department considers this modification application does not result in significant changes that would alter the mandatory matters for consideration under section 4.15 of the EP& Act and is satisfied that the modification is generally consistent with the EPIs.

### 4.3 Consent Authority

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces is the consent authority for the application under section 4.5(a) of the EP&A Act. However, under the Minister's delegation dated 11 October 2017, the Director, Social and Infrastructure Assessments, may determine the application under delegation as:

- the relevant local council has not made an objection.
- a political disclosure has not been made.
- there are no public submissions in the nature of objections.



# **5.1 Department's Engagement**

Clause 117(3B) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EP&A Regulation) specifies that the notification requirements of the EP&A Regulation do not apply to State significant development.

Accordingly, the application was not notified or advertised. However, it was made publicly available on the Department's website on 8 August 2019 and was referred to Penrith City Council (Council) for comment.

## **5.2 Summary of Submissions**

The Department did not receive any submissions from members of the public, however received a submission from Council.

# 5.3 Key Issues - Council

Council raised no objection to the proposed modification, however provided comments in relation to landscaping including:

- requesting a detailed landscaping design for the area to the east of the site between the building and Somerset street, a plant schedule and arborist report.
- seeking details around the use and function of 'courtyard 1', existing trees identified for removal and details around the purpose of the oval roundabout in the forecourt area.
- stating that accessible paths should be provided and indicated.

# **5.4 Response to Submissions**

On 10 September 2019, the Applicant submitted a Response to Submissions (RtS), which is available on the Department's website and can be accessed at **Appendix A**.



# 6. Assessment

In assessing the merits of the proposal, the Department has considered:

- the modification application and associated documents.
- the environmental assessment and conditions of approval for the original project and subsequent modification.
- all submissions received on the proposal and the Applicant's response to submissions.
- relevant environmental planning instruments, policies and guidelines.
- the requirements of the EP&A Act.

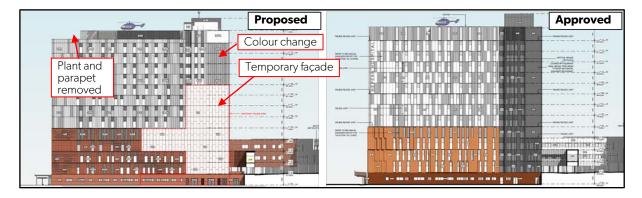
The Department considers the key issues associated with the proposal to be built form and design and landscaping. These issues are discussed in the following section of this report. Other issues were taken into consideration during the assessment of the proposal and are discussed in **Section 6.3**.

## 6.1 Built Form and Design

### **Built Form and Layout**

The proposed modification seeks to relocate and consolidate the majority of plant from the rooftop (Level 13) to lower levels of the building (primarily Level 4) and consequently, remove and reduce sections of the building parapet. Additional built form and layout changes proposed to include amendment to the helipad layout (discussed in **Section 6.3**) and extension of the helipad lobby.

The Applicant states that the consolidation of services is sought as it would allow for an improved standard of care and functionality of the site. The Applicant has indicated that the maximum approved building height of 67.8m is maintained.



**Figure 14** | Proposed (left) and Approved (right) Western Elevation (Source: Modification Application and Approved Plans)

The modification also seeks to add a new communications room on the south-east corner of Level 1 (see **Figure 15**). The Applicant states that the proposed room and slight increase in the on-floor mechanical plant would enable the efficient servicing of the adjacent birthing section.

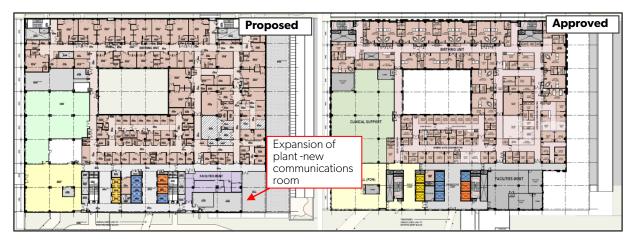


Figure 15 | Proposed (left) and approved (right) Level 1 floor plan (Source: Modification Application)

The proposed modification would generally maintain the approved building envelope and would not generate any unacceptable environmental impacts with respect to view loss, overshadowing or privacy to nearby landowners. The Department considers that the relocation of the majority of rooftop plant to Level 4 reduces the bulk and scale of the building, while being relocated to appropriate locations within the building. It is also noted that Council raised no concern in relation to the built form and design changes.

The Department concludes that the height, bulk and scale of the proposed building remains appropriate with respect to existing buildings on the site and the surrounding area. The proposal would result in a better visual outcome than the originally approved development as the rooftop bulk is reduced.

Other internal alterations proposed to the development, including the addition of a new communications plant room on Level 1 are considered to be of minimal impact and remain consistent with the appearance of the originally approved development. Furthermore, the new plant room does not generate any additional Gross Floor Area (GFA) due to the definition of GFA in the PLEP (2010). As such, the Department considers these modifications to be acceptable.

In relation to amenity, the Applicant submitted revised shadow diagrams demonstrating that the proposed modification would not create any unacceptable shadowing impacts on any residential development in close proximity to the site and would in fact, result in reduced shadows. As such, the Department considers that the proposed built form amendments are acceptable as they would not result in any unacceptable amenity impacts to nearby landowners.

#### **Building Materials and Finishes**

The proposal seeks to amend external materials and finishes, including:

- replacing the louvres across Levels 5 to 12 with metal façade panels.
- adding a temporary façade to the western elevation (**Figure 14**).
- minor façade adjustments including, amendments to the placement and extent of windows and variations to glazing and cladding colours.
- amendments to the variations of glazing.

The Department notes that the temporary façade on the western elevation is sought to provide for future connection with the pending Stage 2 hospital redevelopment. The Applicant's justification for this is that the temporary façade will facilitate the proposed Stage 2 redevelopment in the most efficient and resource conscious manner. The Department sought further information from the Applicant on the indicative timing of the Stage 2 redevelopment. The Applicant has indicated that, subject to planning approval, the construction of

Stage 2 is forecasted to commence in 2022, so the façade will be in place for the duration of the planning phase in between the completion of Stage 1 and Stage 2, which could be between 6 months to 2 years.

The Department notes that the Material Sample Board indicates that the proposed temporary façade material (F04) is to be removed in part or completely, depending on the requirements at the completion of the proposed future Stage 2 redevelopment works interfacing with Stage 1. The Applicant stated the temporary façade material is to ensure acoustic, fire, thermal, weather, infection protection and separation to enable clinical functions to continue unimpeded throughout the construction phase.

Overall, the Department considers the proposed façade is acceptable as it is temporary and allows the building to be responsive and efficiently connect with any future Stage 2 building. To ensure greater certainty around timing, the Department recommends a condition requiring the Applicant, within 36 months after the commencement of operation, to return any sections of the temporary façade that are not required for connection to any future building, to the permanent façade materials and finishes shown on plan A0-305 prepared by BVN dated 27/9/2019 (see **Figure 16**).

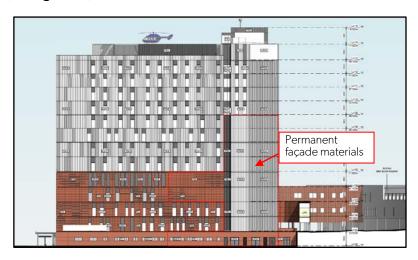


Figure 16 | Proposed Western Elevation Option 2 – Permanent façade (Source: Modification Application)

The Applicant further proposes to change the colour of façade on the western, eastern and southern elevations, and the link bridges to existing hospital buildings (see **Figures 11, 12** and **13**). The Applicant also seeks to change the grouping of windows along the southern façade. These changes are proposed as a result of further design work by BVN architects to improve the way the Stage 1 tower relates to the existing hospital campus. BVN considers the lighter façade colour ensures the existing hospital campus feels more connected to the new building and not excluded by feeling as if they are facing the 'rear' of the building.

The Department considers that the lighter cladding, notably on the southern elevation would reduce the visual dominance of the tower over the existing hospital campus and improve the experience of users of the southern courtyard by providing a brighter outlook in this area. The proposed window groupings along the main public corridor would facilitate views over the landscaped southern courtyard area and existing hospital campus. The Department also considers the proposed link bridge facade colour is appropriate as it adds visual interest while maintaining a connection with the terracotta colour used on the tower podium.

Overall, the Department has reviewed the design changes and is satisfied the proposed changes would not significantly alter the overall appearance of the building or result in any unacceptable visual impacts. Overall, the building would retain a range of high-quality façade elements and finishes, ensuring it makes a positive contribution to the area.

### 6.2 Landscaping

The application involves proposed modifications to landscaping, including:

- relocating the landscaped area from Level 6 to Level 5 of the building to correct a plan reference anomaly.
- provision of additional accessible landscaped space on Levels 6 and 7.
- modifications to landscaping design around the building (see **Figure 17**).

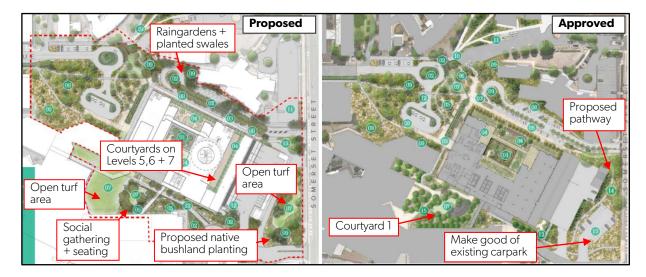


Figure 17 | Proposed (left) and Approved (right) landscape plan (Source: Modification Application)

The proposal seeks to add landscaping to the area in the south-east, between the building and Somerset Street. The Applicant stated that the removal of the childcare car parking area provides for immediate landscaping opportunities in this area.

At Council's request, the Applicant in its Response to Submissions (RtS) provided a detailed landscape sheet (see **Figure 18**) to cover the new landscaped streetscape area and updated the plant schedule. The RtS also proposed the addition of six, 400 litre specimens of Brush Box along Somerset Street in accordance with Council's 'Kingswood Public Domain Technical Manual.'

The Department has taken into consideration Council's submission and the response provided in the Applicant's RtS and considers that this proposed landscape area is appropriate as it provides increased landscaping to the site, while acknowledging its location between the ambulance bay and the street.

The Department's existing conditions of consent includes condition B39, which requires the Applicant to consult with Council and demonstrate to the Certifying Authority that the streetscape design and treatment meets the requirements of Council, including addressing pedestrian management.

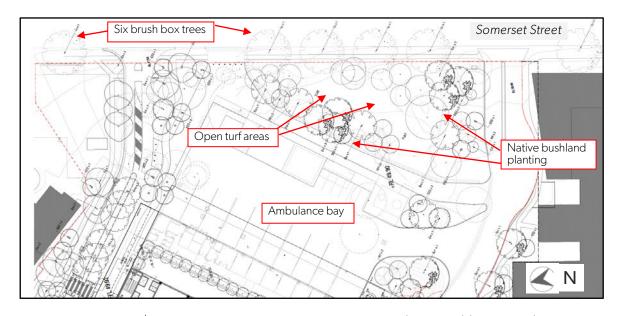


Figure 18 | Proposed landscape area near Somerset Street (Sheet 107) (Source: RtS)

Council requested additional information on the use and function of the now turfed area referred to as 'courtyard 1'. In response, the Applicant has stated that this turfed area will be removed during Stage 2 works and is a temporary solution. The Department considers this proposal is appropriate as the landscaping of this area will be revisited in future as part of Stage 2.

The Applicant has confirmed that the tree count approved in condition D33 (222 trees) is not sought to be modified. However, following the RtS proposing the provision of six additional trees along Somerset Street, this would bring the total proposed trees to 228.

In conclusion, the Department supports the increased landscaping and considers the modification would continue to provide adequate landscaped spaces for patients, staff and visitors to utilise while integrating with the built form.

#### 6.3 Other Issues

Table 2 | Summary of other issues raised

#### Issue **Findings Recommended Condition** Services Road The application seeks to create an access road The Department is satisfied that for service vehicles, with access in and out of the proposed service road is Somerset Street (Figure 10). acceptable as it would provide a dedicated and separate road The Applicant states this road is required due away from the ambulance bay and to clashing between the alignment of the would not result in any negative permanent access road and existing child care access impacts. centre. The Department recommends the A transport statement from ptc has been ptc signage plan is added to the provided which states the road will allow clear consent. and safe vehicle movements separating public, ambulance and operational vehicles. At the Department's request, the Applicant provided further information relating to the use of the proposed access road. The Applicant advised that the services road will permanently support the external plant spine. A further statement from ptc was provided confirming there will no vehicular and pedestrian conflict

- and carrying out swept path analysis.
- ptc recommended appropriate signage at the entry to the restricted areas, including the services road to advise the general public of no entry – authorised vehicles excepted and provided a plan indicating this.

#### Stormwater Management

- The application includes revised civil drawings including stormwater management plan, to reflect the proposed modification.
- The Applicant states that these changes are proposed to address other design changes and enhance the site's drainage performance.
- The application also proposes to remove the sediment basin on the basis that it is not required as there is less than 150m<sup>3</sup> per year of soil loss.
- The Department notes that Council did not raise any concerns with the proposed stormwater changes
- The Department considers that the existing conditions of consent would continue to ensure the development is compliant with Australian Standards and industry best practice guidelines.
- As such, the Department is satisfied with the revised civil drawings and that sediment and erosion would be managed across the site.

#### Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD)

- The application includes an ESD statement prepared by Surface Design for the proposed modification.
- The Applicant noted that the proposed increased floor to floor heights on three levels within the building which has the potential to impact on ESD due to increased energy consumption from additional glazing.
- The Applicant provided a brief report from Surface Design concluding that the change to the building fabric will have only minimal impact upon the total energy of the building.
- The Department is satisfied that appropriate ESD measures continue to be incorporated into the development.
- Condition B16 requires the Applicant to register for a minimum 4-star Green Star rating within 6 months of the commencement of construction. (or equivalent accredited rating scheme).

#### Operational Noise

- The application includes a letter from Acoustic Logic commenting on the acoustic implications associated with the proposed alteration of the helipad slab shape and relocation of all rooftop plant (other than cooling towers) to Level 4.
- The letter concludes that:
  - o the slab shape change will result in a 'very minor' change in noise propagation to the nearby residences (less than 1db(A)) which is not a perceptible change.
  - building shell treatments to the hospital itself were designed based on when the helicopter is in flight (no parapet noise screening) and as such the changed design of the parapet does not necessitate façade changes.
  - o the proposed Level 4 plant redesign will not result in any adverse noise emission outcomes and the noise limits for the site remain the same (as per condition B30).
- The Applicant therefore concludes that the operational noise generating characteristics of the development broadly remain the same and accordingly Acoustic Logic's original assessment referred to the consent prevails and will not need to be revised.

 The Department is satisfied that the noise impacts of the proposed development would not result in any unacceptable impacts and would be managed through the existing conditions of approval.

# Helicopter landing site

- The proposal seeks to amend the layout of the helicopter landing site (HLS)/helipad.
- An aviation statement was submitted stating that the proposed HLS dimensions and location appear compliant with the requirements of the NSW Health Guidelines for Hospital Helicopter Landing Sites in NSW.
- The Department is satisfied that the amendment to the helipad layout does not result in any unacceptable impacts.

#### Signage

 The proposal seeks to enlarge the building identification signage on the eastern elevation and delete the building identification signage on the western elevation.

- The Department has considered the enlarged signage and is satisfied it remains adequately integrated into the overall building design and is consistent with the character of the surrounding area
- The Department is satisfied that the proposed signage amendments would not result in any adverse visual impact and is appropriate for the site.
- No additional conditions or amendments necessary.



# 7. Evaluation

The Department has assessed the modification application and supporting information in accordance with the relevant requirements of the EP&A Act. The Department's assessment concludes that the proposed modification is suitable for the site and would not result in any significant or adverse amenity impacts.

The Department considers that the proposal continues to provide for good design and an appropriate built form for the site. The proposal remains sympathetic to the amenity of the existing built form environment.

The proposed modification is consistent with the objects of the EP&A Act, applicable EPIs and is consistent with the Western City District Plan as it would support the upgrade of the Nepean Hospital.

The Department concludes that the proposed modification is not likely to result in any significant environmental impacts and therefore the proposed modification is acceptable. Consequently, the Department considers the proposal is in the public interest and should be approved subject to conditions.



# 8. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Director, Social and Infrastructure Assessments, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces:

- **considers** the findings and recommendations of this report.
- **determines** that the application Nepean Hospital Stage 1 (SSD 8766 MOD 2) falls within the scope of section 4.55(1A) of the EP&A Act.
- **forms the opinion** under section 7.17(c) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* that a biodiversity development assessment report is not required to be submitted with this application as the modification will not increase the impact on biodiversity values of the site.
- accepts and adopts all of the findings and recommendations in this report as the reasons for making the decision to grant approval to the application.
- **modify** the consent SSD 8766.
- **signs** the attached approval of the modification.

Recommended by:

**Lawren Drummond** 

Planning Officer

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# **Appendix A – Modification Application**

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# **Appendix B – Response to Submissions**

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# **Appendix C – Additional Information**

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# **Appendix D – Modification of Consent**

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