The following notes summarise the discussion and comments provided to the project team by GANSW in relation to the preparation of an EIS for the above proposals. We note that the comments below do not reflect a full design review of each project. Full reviews of each will be undertaken and responses provided to the relevant Planning assessment officers on receipt of lodged EIS packages.

Please forward this advice where appropriate to design team and other project team members.

Please find below a summary of key issues arising from the discussion.

**Generally**

The following issues should be considered for these and all future health infrastructure submissions:

- Masterplans should consider built form as well as public realm and amenity in establishing a framework for proposed and future development. This should include a site-wide indication of massing and impacts on through site connections, entry points and overall precinct character with built in flexibility for future development.

- Project teams should generally consider the human scale of the hospital campus and how this relates to patient and visitor experience. Scale and material should be used to create a welcoming and reflective space for a sense of wellbeing and recovery. Early consideration of integrated public art and landscape strategies can aid in this.

- Sustainability should be considered at every stage of the project development especially as relates to energy use and amenity of internal spaces and public domain.

- Projects should demonstrate a response to culture and heritage through the design. The panel encourage the project team to engage and consult with the local Aboriginal community to incorporate site specific histories and narratives into the design at this early stage in the project. GANSW is available to provide assistance for this if required.
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The panel support the scheme generally for its natural light, rich materiality use of courtyards and articulated building form.

1. Church Street Landscaping and colonnades:

The panel are concerned the area of seating, paving and associated colonnades to Church Street would not be well used. There is no proposed access to the hospital from Church Street to activate this landscape space. Unlike the local historic buildings presented as precedents, the colonnade areas are likely to feel uncomfortable without direct access to the building or passive surveillance. Either the approach to landscape should be reconsidered, or direct access to staff amenities should be provided from Church street.

2. Hospital Entry

The panel commend the generous, light filled hospital entry. While the panel notes community desire for parking close to the entry, a landscape buffer between the reception area and the carpark would greatly improve the amenity for people using the waiting area.

3. Southern façade permeability and visual connection

The panel recommend the eastern portion of the southern façade be rethought to create physical and visual connections between inside spaces and landscape. The café, waiting and community spaces are currently shown behind a translucent wall with no transparency or access to the adjacent open area. These spaces would benefit from access and views to the adjacent usable landscape spaces. The Meares Street elevation should be reconsidered so that eastern and western portions are better visually integrated.

4. Sun shading

The panel note that sun shading is yet to be shown to the courtyards and the external windows. Where required, shading should be incorporated in the design of the façade to mitigate glare and solar heat gain.

5. Future connectivity to medical centre

Though it is understood there are no immediate plans to connect the hospital to the adjacent, privately operated medical centre, the proponents have indicated that there would be benefit in doing so in the future. The feasibility of adding this link should be investigated.

6. Future hospital expansion

Though not covered during the briefing, the proposal should consider the future expansion of the hospital in greater detail. GANSW encourage a master plan to be prepared which establishes the future patterns of development as well as detail strategies for car parking, pedestrian access and public open space. The reconfigurability of the proposed building should also be considered.