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Attention: Peter McManus

28 November 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

## State Significant Infrastructure - Northern Beaches Hospital Frenchs Forest (SSI 13\_5982) Notice of Exhibition

I refer to your letter dated 29 October 2013 inviting comments and recommended conditions of consent for the Stage 1 of the Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest. The NSW Rural Fire Service previously provided comments dated 12 June 2013 on the concept proposal which remain.

The bushfire assessment report by Eco Logical dated February 2011 submitted in support of the proposal makes the assumption that the vegetation on and surrounding the site will be removed or managed such that it does not constitute bush fire prone land. In this regard I reiterate our previous comment that the EEC located to the east of the site should be managed to the standard of an asset protection zone or the buildings shall be appropriately setback in accordance with *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006*.

Construction of buildings shall comply with the requirements of the Australian Standard AS3959-2009 Construction of buildings in bushfire prone areas.

For any enquiries regarding this correspondence please contact Garth Bladwell.

Yours sincerely

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