

APPENDIX **H**

Flora and Fauna Advice



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Dear Sir

Biodiversity Issues

Northern Beaches Hospital, State Significant Development Application SSI_6792 (Stage 2)

The site for the proposed Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest, designated as State Significant Infrastructure, was investigated in terms of its flora and fauna. This letter addresses only Stage 2 of the project and on the assumption that all Stage 1 works have been completed. That is, the site has been cleared ready for Stage 2, which is the construction phase of the project.

The Stage 1 EIS adequately describes the site, the flora and fauna associated with the site and the impacts on biodiversity values resulting from the project. The site supports an endangered ecological community (*sensu Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (NSW)*), known as Duffys Forest. Because almost all of this forest will be removed from the site, the principal mitigation measure is the purchase of an area of natural vegetation of about twice the area impacted (i.e. 10 hectares) adjacent to Garigal National Park and to add that land to that park. We understand that this has now happened.

We have inspected the Stage 2 landscape framework plan (Attached) and find that the proposed development does not impact on the bushland zone adjacent to Wakehurst Parkway and is consistent with the biodiversity offset strategy approved under the Stage 1 Infrastructure Approval.

The key landscape principles provide for the retention of trees along the eastern boundary of the site and the preparation and implementation of a Landscape Plan that:

- Delineates the area of trees to be retained.
- Enhances the treed area as a visual screen and as an attractive feature of the site.
- Incorporates native plants into the landscaping of the site.

Further landscape measures include the need to:

- Identify the measures to maintain the treed area during the construction phase (e.g. temporary fencing).
- Identify the weeds in the area requiring management and their control methods.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

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Yours sincerely

Dr Kevin Mills

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Landscape Masterplan



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