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18 Victoria Street,  
Greenwich, NSW 2065

### **GREENWICH HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

I wish to lodge my strong objection to the current DA lodged by Hammond Care for redevelopment of their land adjacent to River Road, Greenwich.

Let me say, at the outset, that I have been a Greenwich Resident for over 40 years, and thoroughly support the enhancement of that site for better hospital facilities. I am quite familiar with the current hospital, having visited patients there many times.

I object strenuously, however, to the proposed construction of multiple so-called 'Seniors Living' units on that site under SEPP 5 provisions. The land is zoned for Hospital use.

As I understand it, anyone over the age of 55 can acquire such units once built in spite of being in good health and not in real need of hospital services for 20 years or more.

This is plainly a commercial proposal intended to finance the hospital reconstruction. The placement of multiple housing units on the site will prevent expansion of genuine hospital facilities on the site in future, and must be resisted.

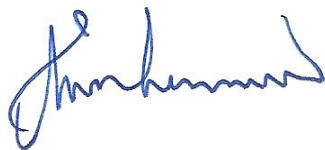
It should be obvious to all that:

- The need for hospital facilities in this area can only increase as Sydney's population is forecast to rise at the rate of almost 100,000 per annum, and
- The land zoned for hospital use is now scarce and precious, and will become increasingly rare.

To allow a large part of this land to be surrendered now for housing use would be a serious error of judgement that would create difficulties for future generations that will be increasingly hard to overcome.

Please reject this application to build seniors living units on this hospital land. It must be preserved for hospital use and for very elderly persons in genuine need of regular hospital care.

Yours etc

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom U Lawson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom U Lawson