



Royal North Shore Hospital  
Major Project MP06-0051

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Application for Modification of Approval  
under Section 75W of the  
*Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

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## 1. The Approved Project

On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2007, the Minister for Planning approved:

- the Concept Plan for the Royal North Shore Hospital site; and
- demolition and preparatory work to ground level on the site.

The approval was subject to modifications of the Concept Plan and Conditions for the preparatory work. The purpose of this report is to seek a minor modification to allow the erection of temporary demountable buildings without further approval.

## 2. Background

The redevelopment of the Royal North Shore Hospital is being delivered through a Public Private Partnership (PPP) between NSW Health and a private sector consortium. The selection process for the successful consortia is currently in progress and is due to be substantially completed by mid 2008. It is intended that the successful consortia submit a Project Application for the construction of the hospital as soon as possible following confirmation of their selection.

At present, the Concept Plan Approval allows for certain demolition and preparatory works to be completed. However, a critical part of the preparatory works is the erection of temporary buildings in order to facilitate the works permitted under the current Concept Plan Approval.

To that end, NSW Health seeks to modify the Concept Plan to allow the placement of demountable buildings on site to facilitate decanting of existing buildings to allow demolition of buildings and early works already approved. This process will minimise disruption of the staff and service delivery and ensure the timely and streamlined delivery of the acute hospital.

## 3. Features of the modification

NSW Health seeks to have the Concept Plan modified by inserting additional words in Clause (b) of the Ministers Statement as follows:

(b) Pursuant to Section 75P(1)(c) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, that the demolition, and preparatory works to ground level **and the placement of demountable buildings**, on the subject site requires no further environmental assessment, subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 2.

Inserting under Condition C1.2 and new condition as follows:

***C1.2A The placement of temporary demountable buildings on site to facilitate the decanting and development of the acute hospital requires no further environmental assessment.***

#### **4. Environmental Impact**

The proposed modifications do not impose any detrimental environmental impacts on the receiving environment. The modification is requested to ensure the efficient facilitation of development already approved and the use of demountable buildings on the hospital site is consistent with past practices. The demountable buildings will be used on a temporary basis up until completion of the acute hospital and their placement will not involve removal of any significant trees or the loss of any parking on site.

#### **5. Conclusion**

The use of temporary buildings will reduce the impact and disruption on service delivery and on staff during the construction and decanting of buildings over the construction period of the acute hospital to ensure the efficient delivery of a critical piece of State infrastructure.

On that basis, NSW Health looks forward to the Ministers favourable consideration of this application.

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