

3 May 2016

Department of Planning & Environment
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Attn: Natasha Harras

Dear Natasha

**RE: MP-06_0051 Mod 6
Modification to Concept Plan to allow for demolition of Building 7 and 9 on the
Royal North Shore Hospital site**

I write in response to the notification of MP06_0051 Mod 6 involving modification to the Concept Plan to allow for demolition of Building 7 and 9 on the Royal North Shore Hospital site.

On 6 April 2016 Council requested and was granted an extension of time until 3 May 2016 in order to make a submission on this matter.

At the 26 April 2016 meeting of Council it was resolved that no objection is raised to the demolition of Building 7 on the following basis:

- This building has not been identified by Council as being of local heritage significance under Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012;
- The building has been heavily modified;
- Council has been advised that the building cannot be adaptively re-used by the Hospital as part of a further mental health precinct;
- The building is on land required for hospital purposes; and
- Condition C2.3 is to be added to the Royal North Shore Hospital Concept Plan to archivally record, require excavation permits, and encourage the interpretation of Building 7 in any new development.

In addition, no objection is raised to the demolition of Building 9 on the following basis:

- This building has not been identified by Council as being of local heritage significance under Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012;
- Council has been advised that the building cannot be adaptively re-used by the Hospital as part of a future mental health precinct;
- The building is on land required for hospital purposes;
- The building lies within a degraded setting;
- The building is of a style well represented throughout Sydney suburbs; and

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- Condition C2.3 is to be added to the Royal North Shore Hospital Concept Plan to archivally record, require excavation permits, require the removal of as much fabric as possible for salvage and reuse, and encourage the interpretation of Building 9 in any new development.

It is noted that the proposed added Condition C2.3 is as follows:

"The demolition of Building 7 and Building 9 is approved in accordance with the heritage Impact Statement dated November 2014 by Weir Philips Heritage, subject to the following:

- (a) An archival recording should be carried out of Buildings 7 and 9 and their setting (including the fence outside Building 9) to NSW Heritage Division standards. The archival recording of Building 9 should take place after the de-mountable units are removed from around the building to allow a proper recording of the exterior to take place. If the original decorative plaster ceilings remain above the existing ceiling panels, it would be desirable that these panels be removed to expose the original ceilings for recording.*
- (b) As much fabric as possible should be carefully removed from Building 9 and offered to a reputable salvage yard. Fabric that can be salvaged includes, but is not limited to, fireplace surrounds, windows, doors, coloured glass, decorative timberwork and the ironwork of the front fence and gate*
- (c) Prior to any new construction works, any standard excavation permits required under the NSW Heritage Act 1977 should be sought.*
- (d) Opportunities for the interpretation of Buildings 7 and 9 should be considered in any new development."*

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

Yours sincerely,



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