

1st March 2007

The Honourable Frank Sartor MP  
Minister for Planning  
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Dear Minister,

**Re: Former Rachel Forster Hospital, Redfern**

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We are writing on behalf of the Redfern Waterloo Authority, the proponent for the redevelopment of the former Rachel Forster Hospital. The purpose of this letter is to:

- (a) Seek the Minister's opinion that the redevelopment of the former Rachel Forster Hospital site is a development of a kind described in Schedule 3 (state significant sites) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005 and is a project to which Part 3A of the EP&A Act applies.

And if the Minister agrees to consider the proposal a major project, then the following:

- (b) The Minister's authorisation for the proponent to submit a Concept Plan application for the whole project; and
- (c) The Director General issue the requirements for the preparation of a single comprehensive Environmental Assessment.

The site is listed in Schedule 3 of the Major Projects SEPP, and the proposed development has a capital value of \$42 million. The proposal seeks to redevelop the former Rachel Forster Hospital Site to accommodate residential development. The proposed development will provide significant benefits to the locality, through the provision of open space, the protection of the heritage significance of the building structures on the site, and provide high quality residential accommodation to revitalise the Redfern area.

An overview of the proposed redevelopment of the former Rachel Forster Hospital site, including description, potential issues and scope of the Environmental Assessment is provided in the attached Preliminary Environmental Assessment.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Tim O'Sullivan on 9318 0844 or alternatively by email to [info@lippmann.com.au](mailto:info@lippmann.com.au)

Regards

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