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23rd August 2011

Mr Sam Haddad Director General NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Attention: Peter McManus & David Gibson (Metropolitan & Regional Projects North)

Dear Sam,

Re: S.75W – Minor Amendments to Facilitate Construction Works, Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga (Approval Application No. MP10-0070)

Construction works for the first stage of the approved alterations and additions to the Sydney Adventist Hospital (SAH) have commenced.

The SAH works represent the first stage of the broader Wahroonga Estate development for which a 'concept approval' was issued by the Minister for Planning in March 2010. The hospital works were the subject of a subsequent 'major project' approval issued by the Planning Assessment Commission in March 2011.

The approved hospital works primarily entail:

- The expansion and refurbishment of the existing Clinical Services Building (CSB);
- The construction of a new Education Centre;
- Construction of a new 'Shannon Wing';
- Relocation of other existing facilities necessary to create a new Merritt Kellogg Museum; and
- Other ancillary works including a multi-deck carpark, at grade parking areas, additional site landscaping and a new entry concourse that will better connect both new and existing buildings.

It is intended that the hospital works themselves will be staged, with construction intended to occur over a three year period. Our anticipated sequence of construction for the first stage of works is:

- At grade works involving temporary carparks and access arrangements and some permanent parking facilities – commenced in July 2011
- Commencement of the multi-deck permanent car park due to commence September 2011
- New Entry Building will commence with multi-deck car park in September 2011
- Clinical Services Building (CSB) due to commence January 2012
- Service Amplification and Roadworks ongoing and concurrent with above construction works.

Consistent with this construction program some minor amendments to the major project approval are required. These amendments, identified in the attached plans, will facilitate a more efficient construction process and will achieve a better operational outcome for the hospital.

The areas of the original project approval that are required to be modified to facilitate the first stage of construction are described below.

The modifications entail:

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- 1) A revised layout for the approved temporary car park;
- 2) Alteration to the layout of a permanent at grade car park and a new permanent at grade car park;
- 3) A minor alteration to the approved location and internal flow of the multi-deck carpark (bringing the structure closer to the hospital wings and allowing pedestrian access at the one level); and
- 4) A revised entry building to better integrate various aspects of the project. The revised entry building is critical for patient and visitor flows from the multi-deck parking area to the existing hospital and new CSB.

Further staged modifications are also proposed but these will be the subject of separate submissions. The current modifications are required to facilitate a smooth construction process and to better integrate elements of the project to ensure improved legibility and public access. The changes proposed for Stage 1 construction works are all internal to the site and have no material impact on surrounding lands.

On behalf of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, therefore, this letter forms a formal request under Section 75W of the Act to amend the project approval for the hospital works.

In effect we seek substitution of the attached plan which outlines the changes (Overall Siteplan Stage 1, No.004, Revision F) to replace the original Stage 1A plan (Overall Siteplan Stage 1A, No. 004, Revision A). In addition a number of other 'replacement' plans are included.

A brief description of the minor changes involved follows:

 Revised layout to the approved temporary car park – located at the northern end of the site and intended as a temporary operational car park for staff and visitors whilst construction works around the hospital occur. The approved temporary car park in this location allows for 258 spaces. The proposed new extended car park will accommodate 413 vehicles.

The car park is screened from Fox Valley Way by a row of existing dwellings (to be demolished in later stages). The extended car park will link to an existing car park and will facilitate the movement of vehicles between the existing and new car parks. An increase in the capacity of the car park has been requested by the Sydney Adventist Hospital to ensure minimal disruption to services during the construction phase. The 413 spaces are required to offset the loss of a similar number of parking spaces from works to be carried out to the multi-deck car park. The temporary carpark is required to enable works to be undertaken on the multi-deck car park. The temporary car park will cease once the new multi-deck carpark is completed.

- 2) Alteration to the layout of a permanent on grade car park approved plans allow for the provision of two car parks with 46 and 40 spaces respectively (totalling 86 spaces). The amended plans provide for two car parks with 24 and 60 spaces (totalling 84 spaces). The reconfiguration is required as a result of engineering difficulties with the existing topography and service infrastructure.
- 3) A minor alteration to the approved location and internal flow of the multi-deck carpark, bringing the structure closer to the hospital wings and allowing pedestrian access at the one level. The footprint of the car park will move closer to existing buildings but will retain the same external facade.
- 4) A revised entry building to better integrate various aspects of the project and to better connect the multi-deck carpark to the hospital facility. This work will provide an improved public interface with hospital facilities and will improve pedestrian flows between individual buildings and to and from the multi-deck car park. The improved layout will connect all facilities at the existing Level 4 and is critical to optimising patient, visitor and staff circulation to hospital facilities.

As you can appreciate, site construction has commenced and any savings in approval times for the requested modifications are considered critical.

I am sure that you will agree that the proposed modifications are minor in effect and external impact.

For your information Ku-ring-gai Council has been advised of the impending modification works, but has not yet received a written explanation of the proposed changes.

I will liaise with your staff next week in relation to this matter and look forward to the Department's prompt handling of this amendment request.

Yours sincerely,

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