



Professor Mary O'Kane AC
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Dear Professor O'Kane

Redevelopment of Greenwich Hospital - SSD-8699

The Department has completed its assessment of the merits of the application for the Redevelopment of Greenwich Hospital.

In accordance with clause 8A of the State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 and Section 4.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the application is referred to the Independent Planning Commission for determination, as 50 or more unique objections were received in public submissions and the Lane Cove Council (Council) lodged an objection.

The Department exhibited the application and accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from 14 February 2019 and 5 April 2019. During this period, the Department received a total of 198 submissions, including eight submissions from public authorities, one from Council, 177 from the public and 10 from special interest groups. Of these submissions, 161 public submissions, the Council submission and eight special interest group submissions raised objections to the proposal.

The Department also exhibited the Response to Submissions (RtS), including an amended application, from 24 October 2019 to 18 December 2019. During this period, the Department received a total of 1136 submissions, including eight submissions from public authorities, one from Council, 119 from the public and eight from special interest groups. Of these submissions, 109 public submissions, the Council submission and six special interest group submissions raised objections to the proposal.

In assessing the merits of the project, the Department considered the environmental, social and economic impacts of the project, submissions on the EIS and RtS, relevant environmental planning instruments, the suitability of the site for the project, and the public interest, in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Based on its assessment, the Department believes that the project is approvable subject to a range of conditions.

A copy of the Department's assessment report and all other publicly-made documents relevant for the Commission's consideration is available on the Department's major project website: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/12171>.

An electronic copy of information not available on the major project website, including community and public authority feedback received outside of the formal exhibition periods, is enclosed.



For any further information or to arrange a briefing, please contact Karen Harragon, Director, Social and Infrastructure Assessments, on 02 9274 6358.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marcus Ray'.

16/09/2020

Marcus Ray
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