



5 April 2023

Stephen Dunshea
Chief Executive Officer
Shoalhaven City Council
P.O. Box 42
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Dear Mr Dunshea

RE: Notification of Activity – Temporary use of helipad
Shoalhaven Emergency Management Centre, 92 Albatross Road, South Nowra

NSW Health Infrastructure (HI), is proposing to temporarily use the existing helipad at the Shoalhaven Emergency Management Centre, 92 Albatross Road, South Nowra (Lot 1 DP 860791) for a period of up to three (3) years commencing in early May 2023 and ending by June 2026. The current State Significant Development DA for the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment is soon to be determined and during the construction of the proposed Acute Services Building, a temporary helipad will be required to ensure rapid transportation is still available for critically ill patients in need of urgent medical care while the new hospital is being built. Once the Acute Services Building is completed in 2026, a new rooftop helipad will become operational.

While this proposal does not require development consent from Council, we are required to assess its likely impacts in accordance with Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. In accordance with section 2.52(7) of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*, we are notifying Council of our intention to carry out the activity and ask that you provide any comments on the proposal by 27 April 2023. These comments will then be considered in our assessment of the proposal.

For your information, a plan indicating the location the Shoalhaven Emergency Management Centre and its helipad is included over the page. Generally, the proposed activity comprises only the temporary use of the helipad by NSW Ambulance / Toll Ambulance Rescue Helicopter Service. The service will be supported by NSW Ambulance Service road-based ambulances which will traffic / ferry patients relying upon the helicopter to/from Shoalhaven Hospital. Up to 10-15 helicopters are anticipated per month. No construction works are required or proposed.

If you wish to comment on the proposal, please provide your feedback to Michael Bellman via HI-shoalhavenredevelopoment@health.nsw.gov.au or NSW Health Infrastructure, Attention Michael Bellman, Locked Bag, St Leonards, NSW 1590.

Yours sincerely

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