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Attention: Emma Butcher

Dear Mr Watson

RE: DA 21/14779 – Exhibition of Development Application – New Regional Library at 123A Donnison Street, Gosford

I am writing in response to your email dated 19 November 2021 requesting comment on the Development Application for the proposed new Regional Library in Donnison Street, Gosford. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

To help achieve NSW Health's number one direction of 'keeping people healthy' and Central Coast Local Health District's vision of 'healthy people - vibrant community', based on strong and emerging evidence, the Health Promotion Service advocates for built environments that protect and promote human health and wellbeing. A key part of this involves advocating for the planning, design, development and management of healthy built environments, which enable communities to lead physically active, socially connected and healthy lives.

A major piece of active transport enabling infrastructure is bicycle parking and end-of-trip facilities (lockers, showers, change rooms etc.). Having reviewed some of the application documents regarding this subject, we offer the following comments:

SEE Appendix I – Compliance Assessment Gosford City Centre DCP

Part 7 Access and Parking

7.4 On-site parking

1. On-site vehicle and bicycle parking is to be provided in accordance with Table 2 of this chapter.

2. Car parking and associated internal manoeuvring areas provided over and beyond that required by this chapter is to be calculated towards gross floor area.

3. Car parking above ground is to have a minimum floor to ceiling height of 3.1m so it can adapted to another use in the future.]

Complies.

The proposal includes the new line marking of 21 car parking spaces for staff and special visitors in car park at the rear, which is currently used for car parking by the subject site. Two of the car parking spaces are designated as accessible car parking spaces, which achieves compliance with the required provision for a minimum of two accessible car spaces per development.

A total of eleven (11) bicycle spaces are proposed for the development comprising bike racks along Donnison

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4. On-site parking must meet the relevant Australian Standard (AS 2890.1 2004 – Parking facilities, or as amended).

5. To accommodate people with disabilities, provide a minimum of 4% of the required parking spaces, or minimum of 2 spaces per development, (whichever is greater) as an appropriately designated and signed disabled parking spaces.

6. A Transport Management Plan is required to accompany development applications to justify any proposed variation to parking rates.

7. Uncovered on-site parking areas, including the top of front building setbacks, are prohibited.

8. Bicycle parking is to be in secure and accessible locations, with weather protection.

9. The impact of any on-grade car parking must be minimised by:

- a. Locating parking on the side or rear of the lot away from the street frontage,
- b. Provision of fencing or landscape to screen the view of cars from adjacent streets and buildings,
- c. Allowing for safe and direct access to building entry points, or
- d. Incorporating car parking into landscape design of the site (such as planting between parking bays to improve views, selection of paving material and screening form communal and open space areas).

10. Reference should be made to relevant guidance in Austroads Guides, Australian Standards, NSW Government Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling and NSW Roads and Maritime Services technical directions.

Street for six bicycles and five spaces in a secure storage room for staff including associated shower and locker facilities.

Refer to the Traffic Impact Assessment prepared by The Transport Planning Partnership held at **Appendix N**.

Based on the above excerpt, we note the proposed development is said to comply with on-site parking requirements, however, the methodology used to calculate the bicycle parking provision rate (a total of eleven (11) bicycle spaces) is not clear. As per Control 1 of the DCP, 'accordance with Table 2' is assumed. Also, it is not clear if the proposed bike racks along Donnison Street for six bicycles, provide weather protection, as required by Control 8 of the DCP.

As suggested within the above excerpt, we referred to the Traffic Impact Assessment prepared by The Transport Planning Partnership held at Appendix N.

SEE Appendix N – Traffic Impact Assessment

4. Parking Assessment

4.2 Bicycle Parking

The DCP notes in Section 7.1.3.3 that "provision is to be made for cyclists via the installation of bicycle parking facilities in accordance with Australian Standards", however, does not provide any rates for provision for a public library.

However, a rate is provided for a 'Place of Assembly' as 1 space per 50 seats and for a commercial office as 1 space per 200m² GFA for employees and 1 space per 750m² for visitors. On this basis, the multi-purpose hall with a seating capacity of 300 seats is required 6 bicycle parking spaces, and the staff working space is required two bicycle spaces.

The development is proposing a total of 11 bicycle parking spaces including six spaces at the front of the site, on the ground floor for visitors and five spaces in a secure storage room for staff with associated locker facilities nearby. It is considered that the proposed bicycle parking provision is adequate to accommodate the site.

Referring to the above excerpt, whilst the Australian Standards and Table 2 may not provide any bicycle parking provision rates for a public library, Control 10 of the DCP states 'Reference should be made to relevant guidance in Austroads Guides, Australian Standards, NSW Government Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling and NSW Roads and Maritime Services technical directions.'

Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 11: Parking Management Techniques (Publication no: AGTM11-20, published 28 April 2020) offers bicycle parking provision rates for a number of land uses. Section C2.3 Bicycle Parking Provision Rates - Table C2 6: Bicycle parking provisions suggests the following for a library:

Land use	Employees/resident parking spaces	Class	Visitors/shopper parking spaces	Class
Library	1 per 500m2 gfa	1 or 2	4 plus 2 per 200m2 gfa	3

In respect of end-of-trip facility provision, Austroads Research Report AP-R528-16 Bicycle Parking Facilities: Updating the Austroads Guide to Traffic Management recommends the following:

Table 5.2: End of trip facility provision rates

Land use	Employees/resident parking spaces	Class	Visitors/shopper parking spaces	Class
Library	1 per 500m2 gfa	1 or 2	4 plus 2 per 200m2 gfa	3

We take this opportunity to reinforce use of the following documents, some of which have been included in Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements - ATTACHMENT A for the use of proponents of State Significant Development within Gosford City Centre.

- Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 11: Parking Management Techniques (AGTM11-20, 28 April 2020) <https://austroads.com.au/publications/traffic-management/agtm11>
- Standards Australia AS2890 Parking Facilities Set, including AS 2890.3: 2015 Parking facilities – Bicycle parking
- Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides (2017)
- Austroads Bicycle Parking Facilities: Updating the Austroads Guide to Traffic Management (AP-R528-16, 13 October 2016) <https://austroads.com.au/publications/active-travel/ap-r528-16>
- Austroads Bicycle Parking Facilities: Guidelines for Design and Installation (AP-R527-16, 13 October 2016) <https://austroads.com.au/publications/active-travel/ap-r527-16>

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Thank you in advance for consideration of our comments. We welcome the opportunity to be involved in future consultations associated with the new regional library development at Gosford.

If you wish to obtain further information, please contact Mr Nigel Tebb, Health Promotion Officer – Healthy Built Environments, on Tel: 4320 9700 or Email: nigel.tebb@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Niki Kajons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Date: 23/12/21

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