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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 December 2014 to Dr Mary Foley, Secretary NSW Health to make comments on the Draft St Leonards South Master Plan – SU5573. Dr Foley has asked me to respond.

As you will be aware Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH) is a major Tertiary Trauma Centre located in the Local Government Area (LGA) of Willoughby bounded by the North Sydney & Lane Cove Local Government Areas.

Over the last 12 months Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) has provided comment on a number of planning proposals and proposed development in the LGAs. Specifically in relation to the Lane Cove LGA the NSLHD Health Promotion Unit provided comment on the St Leonards Public Domain Master Plan that references the St Leonards South as a study precinct in its own right. Whilst the St Leonards South precinct provides opportunities for changes to residential densities in response to proposed development opportunities, including the Royal North Shore Hospital site, it will place greater pressure on traffic hotspots bordering the hospital campus that have already been identified in the St Leonards South Strategy Precinct Report.

It is essential to ensure that planning in relation to the St Leonards Central, St Leonards Public Domain and the St Leonards South master plans are in unity, contiguous and complementary to each other. Each development will in its own right impact on the hospital and environs especially in the area of traffic and transport and as recently identified may also impact emergency helicopter flight paths to and from Royal North Shore Hospital.

The NSLHD Health Promotion Unit will provide further comment during the later stages of the planning as it develops.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. The Local Health District would be pleased to provide further comment as the planning progresses. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact David Green, Director Corporate Services, NSLHD on 9887 5060.

Yours sincerely

Adj. Assoc. Professor Vicki Taylor
Chief Executive

Date: 05-03-2015

Northern Sydney Local Health District is located on the traditional lands of the Eora Nation