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Attention: Growth, Design and Programs

Dear Mr Robilliard,

RE: Submission regarding Planning Proposal: Amendment to State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006 - Changes to planning controls for the Area 20 Precinct within the North West Growth Centre

I write in response to your letter dated 1 December 2014 inviting comment from the NSW Ministry of Health on the above planning proposal. Western Sydney Local Health District is pleased to make this submission on behalf of the Secretary, NSW Health to acknowledge the positive health benefits of the proposed changes for future residents of the Area 20 Precinct.

Mixed use zoning, active street frontages and access to mass transit are all determinants of physical activity from an urban environment perspective. Physical activity is a vital determinant of health and well-being and is protective against heart disease, many cancers and other chronic diseases such as Type 2 diabetes.

The proposed mixed use zoning within the Area 20 Precinct will create multiple opportunities for the community to walk or cycle to their destination. Active street frontages as outlined for the Cudgegong Town Centre will provide retail and service destinations that encourage residents to walk and cycle to those destinations. Similarly, access to a railway station will be of positive health benefit for residents living close to or within the Cudgegong Town Centre as they will be able to walk or cycle to the station. These changes will also benefit residents of the proximal surrounding areas.

Western Sydney Local Health District continues to plan and develop health services to meet the needs of the growing population it serves. The rapid pace of development in the North West Centre reinforces the need to continue the current program of investment by the NSW Government in health infrastructure for the western Sydney region.

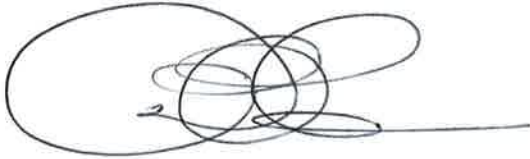
A major capital expansion of Blacktown Hospital is currently under construction as part of the Blacktown Mount Druitt Hospital Stage 1 project and will provide residents of the Blacktown Local Government Area, including those within the growing communities of the North West Growth Centre, with access to a broad range of tertiary level services including comprehensive care centres for cancer, cardiology, respiratory and aged care services. Planning for Stage 2 is also being progressed.

Residents of the North West Growth Centre will benefit from the proposed development of a health facility at Rouse Hill and the redevelopment of Westmead Hospital to address the growth in its local catchment population and to ensure the continued provision of complex tertiary and quaternary specialty health services for the broader western Sydney region. The proposed development of the broader Westmead Health and Education Precinct will further enhance the health of western Sydney's population.

These capital investments, along with a continuing focus on the delivery of high quality and innovative health services, will increase the capacity of Western Sydney Local Health District to meet the growing health care needs of the existing and developing communities within the District.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this planning proposal. Should further information be required, please contact Ms Anita Calderan, A/Director, Health Service Planning and Development, Western Sydney Local Health District on 9845 8964 or by email: anita.calderan@health.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Danny O'Connor
Chief Executive

Date: 9/1/15