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Draft North West Hospitals Masterplan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft North West Hospitals Masterplan (masterplan). The Department of State Growth (State Growth) has the following comments.

North West Regional Hospital

Hospital Street is part of a public transport route, and a bus stop is located outside the hospital. Any future development must ensure that buses can efficiently pass through the site and access the bus stop, which we understand is *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)* compliant.

Any traffic calming measures on Hospital Street need to be suitable for bus manoeuvrability and to ensure a smooth passenger ride.

Pedestrian links to the bus stop should be improved within the hospital site and included in the masterplan.

The bus stop and route should be recognised in the masterplan and marked on relevant plans.

Mersey Community Hospital

Torquay Road is part of a public transport route, and a bus stop is located outside the hospital. Future development shown as 'P' on the plan appears to be very close to or partly located on the bus turning circle at Torquay Road.

State Growth and Latrobe Council funded the bus stop turning circle to enable the safe and efficient movement of buses to the hospital. The bus turning circle should not be compromised by future hospital development, otherwise public transport services will not be able to service the hospital.

The bus stop and route should be recognised within the masterplan and be marked on relevant plans.

The Department of State Growth recently completed the Bass Highway-Launceston to Devonport-Corridor Strategy, which has identified improvements for this section of the highway for the next 20-plus years, based on data projections and public feedback.

The section of the Bass Highway through Latrobe is currently a single lane carriageway in each direction. The Corridor Strategy has identified that in the longer-term, this section of highway will likely need to be duplicated. In addition, the Corridor Strategy notes that there is interest in there being better connectivity between the east and west sides of Latrobe, which are divided by the Bass Highway.

Further discussion with State Growth is recommended to explore how the Corridor Strategy may interact with the masterplan at the Mersey Community Hospital location.

In addition, it is noted that some additional landscaping is proposed within the state road corridor, for example in the middle of the roundabout adjacent to the Mersey Community Hospital. Further discussion is needed with State Growth on how additional landscaping can be planted and maintained in a way that is safe (for example, does not impact the sight lines) and sustainable.

Please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] or email planningpolicy@stategrowth.tas.gov.au who can coordinate engagement with relevant State Growth officers.

Yours sincerely



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