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Dear Mr. Hayes,

### **SVHS Campus Redevelopment and associated Capital Works Program**

I send this correspondence further to the Joint Consultative Committee (**JCC**) held with your union and SVHS on Tuesday 7 December 2021. I have also attached the Decant Works Change Management Plan.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that SVHS is seeking to embark on an exciting capital investment plan commencing in 2022, and which subject to the final commitment of government funding, will culminate in the proposed redevelopment of the site of the existing Cahill and Cator buildings (**Cahill-Cater Redevelopment**), to provide a new 'clinical services building' as part of our world class hospital for the community we serve.

NSW Health has provided some initial funding for SVHS to undertake the following activities:

1. **Remediation Works** for the removal of hazardous materials from the existing Cahill Building (these works are now complete),
2. **Priority Works Package** for expansion of capacity within the existing Xavier building, which includes the refurbishment of existing spaces to create 6 additional ICU beds and 12 ambulatory care spaces through decanting the existing administration functions, and
3. **Planning Phase** for the Cahill-Cater Redevelopment to prepare a final business case to Government.

A summary of these activities is outlined below.

### **Priority Works – Ambulatory Care expansion**

The existing Heart Lung Clinic (**HLC**) is being expanded to meet the growth in the HLC's ambulatory care demand with the works to commence during Quarter 3 2022. The work will be undertaken in three (3) stages, and will take approximately 6 months to complete. The scope of the expansion includes:

- 11 additional consulting rooms,
- a new treatment area and associated facilities comprising six (6) chairs and three (3) beds. Two (2) of the beds will be provided in negative flow bedrooms, and
- additional support areas such as reception space, waiting area and toilets to support the additional consulting rooms.

As a result of the ambulatory care expansion, some HLC staff will be required to relocate to other areas of the Hospital. The majority of these staff will be relocated to Level 4 of the De Lacey Building, which is within close proximity to the HLC. The close relocation will allow staff to continue to support the work of the Clinic and ensure a streamlined patient experience.

Given the spatial constraints for administration and office space in the main acute hospital, several office relocations are required to support this decant of staff from the HLC. The planned office moves also provide an opportunity to better co-locate some of our community teams that have been disjointed. Co-location of these teams will improve communication and foster better opportunities for collaboration resulting in optimal service delivery for our patients.

### **Priority Works Package – ICU expansion**

The Intensive Care Unit (**ICU**) department is being expanded to meet the growth in ICU demand through the construction of a new 6-bed ICU pod on level 6 of the Xavier Building directly above the existing ICU on level 5. The works are planned to commence during Quarter 2/3 2022, will be completed in a single stage, and will take approximately 8 to 9 months to complete. The scope of the expansion includes:

- Two (2) 'N Type' Isolation bedrooms,
- Four (4) standard ICU bedrooms with negative flow, and
- Support areas such as the nurse's station, write up room, medication room, dirty utilities room, patient and staff ablutions and beverage bay.

Other than additional noise, we do not foresee any impact on current ICU staff as the current ICU will continue to operate during the construction. Additional noise during the construction will be monitored and managed closely by the asset management team.

### **Planning Phase for the Cahill-Cater Redevelopment**

The most ambitious program being planned by SVHS is the proposed redevelopment of the site of the existing Cahill and Cator buildings to provide a new 'clinical services building'.

In 2017, SVHS prepared a preliminary business case for Government and SVHS has continued to liaise with NSW Health to progress this redevelopment. As part of the final business case, SVHS has recently engaged consultants to assist with validating the service needs and requirements through an update of the Clinical Services Plan, prepare concept designs and cost estimates, and support the finalisation of the business case.

If approved, the Cahill-Cater Redevelopment will create capacity for several SVHS flagship programs including a new ambulatory and diagnostic centre, St Vincent's Heart Lung, centralised medicine, an expansion of mental health and imaging, nuclear medicine, pathology and the co-location of identified sub-acute services.

We are excited about the future of the SVHS campus and the creation of better amenity for both patients and staff. As soon as a final decision has been made by SVHS and the Government in respect to the Cahill-Cater Redevelopment, we will commence the formal consultation process.

We would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss any questions you may have about this program. This meeting will be held on **Monday 28 February from 9:30am–10:30am** via Microsoft Teams and calendar invites will be send shortly.

Yours sincerely



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