Response to the Illawarra Mercury on Illawarra International Health Precinct compliance issues given on June 30

Response to questions about two letters sent by the Department to the developers of the Illawarra International Health Precinct raising compliance issues

1) In regard to the concerns raised in the June 10 letter:

- A construction certificate has now been issued and a principal certifying authority (PCA) appointed;
- The proponent has responded to the plans and programs issue. The Department is considering this response; and
- With respect to an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan, a document was provided on June 20 and this is being assessed by the Department. The proponent has advised the Department that areas of potential Aboriginal interest have been roped off, in line with a request from the Department.

The Department is continuing to examine the adequacy of these responses before deciding whether further action is required.

2) The Department is waiting for a formal response from the proponent to issues raised in the June 24 letter by tomorrow (July 1) before deciding if further action is needed.

The Department has agreed to provide an extension until July 8 for one of the requested actions, namely the geotechnical assessment, due to the specialised nature of this work.

Yes, the Department is able to issue an order by itself to stop work on a site. However, this order is of course able to be appealed in the Land and Environment Court.

Alternatively, the Department can seek for the court to issue an order.

In general, the Department takes compliance issues very seriously and seeks to ensure that proponents undertake their approvals in line with the relevant conditions and commitments. Further information about our compliance role is available at http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Development/Compliance/tabid/502/language/en-US/Default.aspx