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## Response to EIS Submissions report lodged

The project team has provided a report that responds to submissions from community members, as well as Government departments and agencies, during the extended public exhibition of the Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the new hospital.

The report has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and will be published on their website at [http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=9575](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=9575)

Community feedback on the EIS is consistent with the outcomes of the project's ongoing community consultation, with the majority of comments previously addressed in [media](#), [factsheets](#), [FAQs](#) and [newsletters](#).

Feedback from the community has played an important part in shaping the design of the new hospital. With the recent release of the first concept images, this design milestone has provided us with a further level of detail that enables us to respond to some queries that we have not previously had the information to address.

This includes the height of the hospital building, with the concept design showing 6 levels visible from the highest point of the site from Cudgen Road, and additional levels being built into the slope of the site.

The height of the hospital has been determined through site master planning, consideration of physical and environmental attributes, clinical services planning in consultation with clinicians and staff; as well as responding to feedback from the community.

The building height is within the maximum probable planning envelope set out in the Stage 1 State Significant Development application.

The hospital design is being developed in greater detail through the schematic design planning process, which is anticipated for completion mid-2019.

Other key themes from submissions received and responded to included questions on statutory planning, social and economic impacts, impact on farmland, traffic, accessibility and biodiversity.

Additional specialist studies have been completed to inform the detailed responses, and form part of the comprehensive report.

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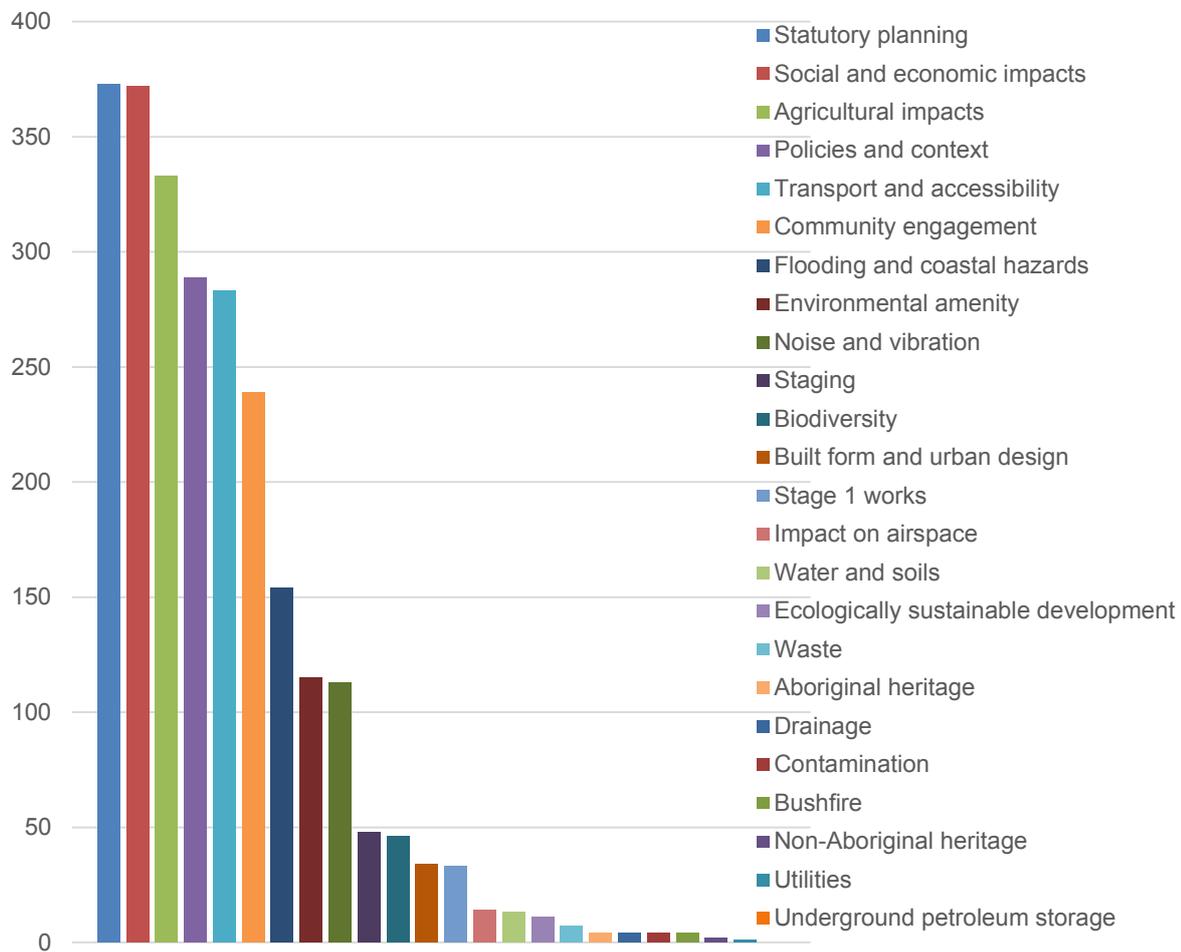


Table 1: The graph shows the themes noted in the 431 unique submissions that were received during the public exhibition period, per EIS area; noting that submissions generally contained feedback on multiple themes, with each mention counted in the EIS area total number.