

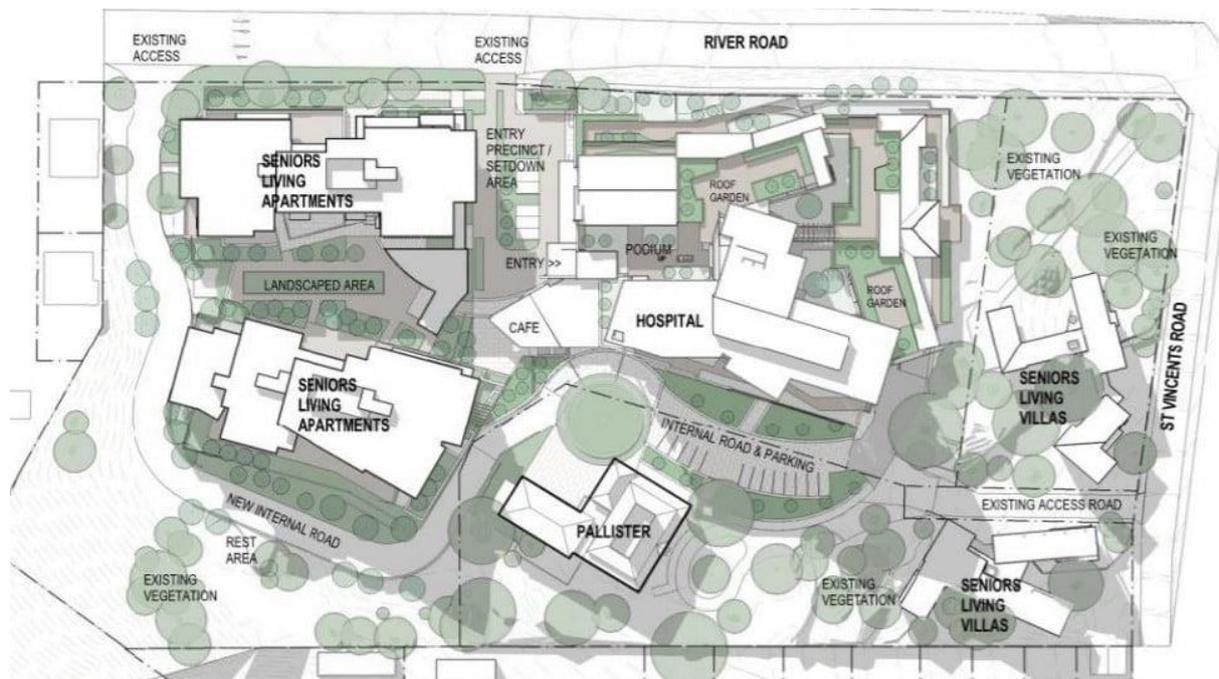


She feared the roads around the hospital, River Rd and St Vincents Rd, would become congested.

“River Rd and St Vincents Rd will become undriveable,” she said.



Artist's impression of the planned Greenwich Hospital. Picture: HammondCare



A diagram of how the proposed Greenwich Hospital would be arranged.

Mr Thompson said unlike the current hospital, the redevelopment would use underground parking to reduce bulk and scale.

The number of parking spaces proposed was more than the statutory requirement, he said, and would ensure no demand on street parking.

Underground parking would also allow pedestrian-friendly landscaped grounds to be provided.



The entry to Greenwich Hospital. Picture: Barker Ryan Stewart

Mr Thompson believed the River Rd pedestrian and vehicle access points, and sightlines, would be improved.

No changes are proposed for the heritage-listed Pallister House, where dementia care is provided.



Lane Cove Mayor Pam Palmer is concerned homes could limit the hospital in future.

More than 50 trees are proposed to be removed for the works.

Mr Thompson said most of the significant ones would be retained, and there would be replanting and landscaping.

Lane Cove Mayor Pam Palmer was another resident with concerns.

“The hospital is vital infrastructure in our community,” she said.

“And the land available to the hospital will be reduced by housing going on-site.”

Mr Thompson said older people were looking for a continuum of health and aged care services.

The campus style hospital would provide this, he said. HammondCare already uses the campus model at Miranda.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment will assess and determine the plans.

People who would like to make a submission have until March 15.

The hospital opened in 1966.