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NO THREAT TO RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

The project to build a new state of the art rehabilitation and disability centre at Ryde will not threaten the future of the Riding for the Disabled Association facility, the Chief Executive of the Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney, Peter Williamson, said today.

“The RRCS has been working with the Association and Ryde City Council for sometime to put in place an arrangement that will secure the future of the RDA,” Mr Williamson said.

“It has always been, and remains, a commitment of ours to ensure the Association and its members are not adversely affected in any way by the development project.

“To this end we have a team of consultants examining three preferred locations for the RDA facility. Their report will soon go to Council outlining the options available.

“We are on the record as pledging to support the RDA on relocating to the best possible and available site, and we are working closely with the RDA to achieve this.

“It is well known that the current facility is less than ideal given that riders have to deal with sloping terrain.

“The RRCS is very hopeful that the future new location will offer better and safer facilities.”

Mr Williamson said the RDA was under no pressure to immediately vacate the present Ryde site, while stressing that it is an issue that has to be resolved in the next 18 months.

“The organisation has been operating rent-free within our campus for more than 20 years. We obviously support the organisation and what it does for its members, and only want the best for its future,” he added.

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