

Re: Submission Sydney Metro West Concept Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement

I wish to make a submission on the Sydney Metro West Concept Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement. I operate a specialist paediatric medical practice on the second floor unit 208 / 118 Great North Road Five Dock. My rooms are on the Second Street frontage approximately 15 metres away from the Council car park in Second Street, which is to be resumed for the Five Dock Station. I would like to state that I welcome the construction of the Sydney West Metro as a great initiative for Sydney's Inner West however I have some concerns as to the environmental impacts during construction which I will detail as follows.

1. **Impact on local traffic network and loss of parking for Five Dock Shopping Precinct.** I also work at the Children's Hospital Westmead and many of my patients travel from this area by car so I am worried about the loss of the Second Street car park. I request the West Metro replace the loss of car parking at the Second Street Car Park and also provide car parking for many of the construction workers on the site as any loss of parking and additional parking demand from workers will impact on the amount of available parking for my patients and visitors to the Five Dock Shops.
2. **Significant impacts from noise and vibration during excavation of the Five Dock Station on Second Street.** I see many newborn patients and have to listen to their hearts so I am worried about excessive construction noise impacting on this examination. I treat patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder and any loud noise vibration will cause them agitation and anxiety making a consultation impossible. I also undertake medical consultations by telehealth and any additional background noise will hinder an effective consultation.

I feel that there needs to be further detailed discussion on potential noise mitigating measures with all occupiers within my strata complex. Consideration should be given to either double glazing or sound proofing for my strata complex or acoustic measures over the construction site. I would like to see an acoustic report that confirms that any measures would result in a safe working environment to run specialist paediatric medical practice and if this isn't possible then the West Metro would have to pay for temporary rental accommodation for my practice as well as loss of rental income on my property which is owned by my family. I would also like to see real time publicly available monitoring in Second Street for noise and vibration levels as well as air quality.

3. **Potential Damage to Strata Building at 118 Great North Road from excavation vibration and tunnelling.** Given that this building is extremely close to the station I request that we are able to get our own dilapidation report and ongoing monitoring during the construction works. This would be in West Metros best interest given the widely reported issues that occurred with neighbouring properties during the West Connex construction.

I look forward to your response and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission further and please don't hesitate to contact my office on 9712 7881 to arrange a suitable time.

Yours sincerely

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