## Department of Planning and Environment



Our ref: Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 (SSI-10035)

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## 21/12/2022

## **Subject: Response to Submissions**

Dear Mr Milne

The exhibition of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 (SSI-10035) ended on **16 December 2022**.

Submissions and agency advice are now available on the Department's website at <a href="https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/parramatta-light-rail-stage-2">https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/parramatta-light-rail-stage-2</a>.

The Department now requires a written response to issues raised in the submissions, as required under section 5.17(6) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The response must address all issues raised in submissions from members of the public, interest groups and local government councils, and issues raised in advice from State government agencies, by **Thursday 30 March 2023**.

The written response must be in the form of a submissions report that has been prepared having regard to the State Significant Infrastructure Guidelines including Appendix C – Preparing a Submissions Report.

Should the proposal be amended to improve the design, respond to issues raised in submissions or agency advice, or reduce the impacts, the amendments must be outlined in an Amendment Report (AR) with an amended State significant infrastructure application. The Department may exhibit and seek public comments and agency advice on the AR.

The Department strongly encourages you to consult with the government agencies in preparing a response to their advice and requests that it be involved in Transport for NSWs' engagement with agencies so as to improve its understanding of key issues and how these matters will be resolved. The Department should be present at meetings with agencies and on key issues which:

- consider an agency's advice (prior to SR and AR preparation); and
- present further assessment and the proposed changes to mitigation and management measures (prior to the submission of the SR and AR).

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The Department may request a Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR) in accordance with Section 5.17 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The Department may exhibit and seek public comments and agency advice on the PIR.

Please lodge your response by progressing the application on the NSW planning portal https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ by the nominated date.

Note that the time between the date of this letter and the date the Planning Secretary receives your response are not included in the 'assessment period' under section 94(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.

If you have any enquiries, please contact Keith Ng on 9274 6092 or Keith.Ng@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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