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Dear Sir / Madam

## CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL STAGE 2 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Cumberland City Council appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and accompanying documents for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 project.

Council acknowledges the consultation undertaken to date and recommends this continue with Council, key stakeholders and the community during the detailed design, construction, and operation phases. Council would also appreciate further notice of upcoming community consultation and workshop sessions before they take place.

While Council is generally supportive of the project, it is important that there is an integrated approach to link the Cumberland area with the light rail system. In particular, there is a need for better walking and cycling links between the Cumberland area and Carter Street stop to enable local connectivity to the light rail network, including the proposed Pippita Rail Trail project.

With planning continuing on the project, Council would also like to advocate for the extension of Parramatta Light Rail from Carter Street to Lidcombe Station and Town Centre. This link will ensure that there is a strong southern anchor for light rail with mixed land uses and transport hubs, and will provide further travel options for residents, workers and visitors in the Lidcombe area. Council has prepared a preliminary feasibility study to progress advocacy and planning work for the proposal, as attached, and seeks further discussion with State agencies on the way forward on the potential light rail extension.

Please do not hesitate to contact Daniel Cavallo, Director Environment and Planning, on 02 8757 9850 or <u>daniel.cavallo@cumberland.nsw.gov.au</u> should you require anything further.

Yours faithfully

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