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Re: To whom it may concern

Dear Sydney Metro and City of Sydney

I am writing to you as an owner in the Commercial Strata at [REDACTED]. I am writing in relation to the possible permanent closure of Sydney's Hunter Connection which passes through our building on its journey from Wynyard Station out to Pitt Street.

Whilst we and the rest of Sydney have known that the Hunter Connection would close during the construction of the new Sydney Transport Interchange and over station development by Sydney Metro, it has only recently become clear that there is no guarantee that the Hunter Connection will ever be re-connected as part of this development. It seems that whether or not the Hunter Connection is reconnected will be left up to the tendering developers for the over station development driven by their commercial interests.

Sydney Metro will provide no assurance that the Hunter Connect would be re-opened as part of the Sydney Metro project.

Following is a link to an article authored by Vanessa Perry from Mirror Sydney regarding the Hunter Connection:

<https://mirrorsydney.wordpress.com/2021/10/23/hunter-connection/>

This article and the comments that follow the article reflect the sentiments of all Sydneysiders.

The Hunter Connection has been part of the fabric of Sydney and a crucial thoroughfare for many decades. Its permanent closure will:

- be a significant loss to the heritage of Sydney;
- adversely impact all Sydneysiders and those who visit;
- result in a dead retail box at the ground floor of Pitt Street with the only access being Pitt street with no through access; and
- also devalue our lots.

My submission is that the development must include the re-connection of the Hunter Connection to ensure this Sydney icon is maintained as part of the larger Sydney Metro project.

Kind Regards,

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