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Dear Ms Jones

Application number SSI 15_7400 Sydney Metro (Chatswood to Sydenham) EIS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Sydney Metro Chatswood to Sydenham Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Following the NSW Government's announcement of the new Waterloo Metro Station, the Department of Family and Community Services (Land and Housing Corporation Directorate) is working closely with UrbanGrowth NSW in preparation for the renewal of the Waterloo social housing estate as part of the Communities Plus program over the next 15-20 years. The ageing Waterloo social housing estate will be progressively renewed to create a vibrant community with a mix of private, affordable and more social housing.

This submission has been jointly prepared by LAHC and UrbanGrowth NSW in support of the Sydney Metro application.

We believe that extending the metro rail from Chatswood to Sydenham is an important step in growing the capacity of our rail system and providing world class public transport to accommodate Sydney's growth supporting vibrant and more sustainable communities.

A metro station represents a unique opportunity to transform the Waterloo area and make it a better place to live for future and existing residents.

We have reviewed the EIS and provide the following recommendations:

Planning and Design

We appreciate the collaborative approach that Sydney Metro/Transport for NSW have undertaken to date in relation to Waterloo. We believe continued collaboration with LAHC and UrbanGrowth NSW throughout the whole renewal process for the area will be essential to achieve world class outcomes that exemplify best practice in the integration of design and land use with public transport transformation in Sydney.

The Waterloo Station strategy, location of the station entry/lobby and services, and retention of the Congregational Church building as shown in chapter 6 of the EIS are generally supported. We understand the station layout and key features displayed in the

map are indicative only.

Further resolution on the location of pedestrian crossings, cycle routes and bus stops should be informed by a detailed transport study to be carried out as part of the broader planning for the area, which will also determine the future character and role of Botany Road and Cope Street. A potential additional green/cycle link through Wellington Street is being considered as part of strategic directions for the Central to Eveleigh Urban Transformation and Transport Program (C2E) and the City of Sydney Council.

We believe that future planning for development above the station and within the station block should be supported by a coherent vision for the renewal of the broader area to be developed in partnership with the Department of Planning and Environment, City of Sydney, LAHC, UrbanGrowth NSW, other government agencies and the community. Alignment with the strategic framework for C2E should be sought and maintained as the planning processes evolve.

Given that the renewal of the social housing estate will take 15-20 years to complete, planning concerns more specific to social housing tenants should be considered, including lower car ownership rates and increased reliance on public transport.

We appreciate the importance of progressing with the detailed design for the Waterloo Station box and underground structure to ensure timely delivery of key public transport infrastructure. The station design should continue to be developed as practical through an iterative and integrated approach to ensure future over station development (OSD) and the renewal of the adjoining social housing estate can achieve design excellence, optimal connectivity and amenity outcomes for residents and public spaces.

Operational and Construction Impacts

We believe the EIS has examined a comprehensive number of environmental issues and has successfully identified key potential impacts.

All measures should be undertaken to minimise or adequately mitigate any impacts to the health, safety and amenity of all existing residents of the Waterloo social housing estate..

Potential impacts during construction and operation of the Waterloo Station should be addressed in coordination LAHC so that consideration can be given to the most vulnerable residents, including those that may suffer from mental health issues or spend extended periods at home, including day time.

Noise events such as blasting and passage of the tunnel boring machine through Waterloo should be planned in collaboration with LAHC so that tenants can be given plenty of notice.

The EIS identifies two potential routes for construction traffic, with a potential route through Cope Street. Noise impacts associated with the Cope Street option have not been assessed at this stage in the EIS. However, we consider that due to the potential noise impacts and cumulative impacts associated with the Cope Street route, this route should be avoided where possible. We understand further investigations will be carried out prior to the start of construction and the results of these investigations may assist in further reducing adverse construction impacts. We look forward to receiving further information regarding this issue.

We share the concerns identified in the EIS regarding cumulative impacts due to the

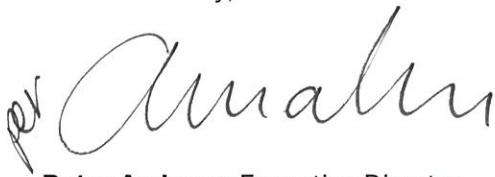
potential overlapping timeframes for station construction and development activities on the Waterloo housing estate site.

We see the overlapping of activities as an opportunity to coordinate construction staging with LAHC's rehousing strategy to minimise potential impacts.

Our continued collaboration and coordinated planning and development approach should also create opportunities for incorporating sustainability initiatives, sharing technical studies and optimising provision of services to make efficient use of public resources.

UrbanGrowth NSW's Development Manager, Cynthia Herkrath is available to discuss this submission with you. She may be contacted on 02 9841 8785 or email cherkrath@urbangrowth.nsw.gov.au.

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