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Mr Sam Haddad
Director-General
Department of Planning
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Dear Mr Haddad

Southern Sydney Freight Line Project Approval – 05_0089

The purpose of this letter is to make a request under Section 75W of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act for minor modifications to the Minister's Project Approval, as outlined below.

Condition of Approval No 29 requires that ARTC prepare a parking plan for Cabramatta 'within 3 months from the date of the approval' (i.e. 21 December 2006). Substantial progress has been made with the Parking Plan including consultation with Fairfield City Council, however we have been unable to complete the plan within the required timeframe primarily because at this stage the consultation with the Community Liaison Group (CLG) for Fairfield has not occurred.

The establishment of the CLGs has been delayed as we have yet to secure approval from the Commonwealth Minister for Environment and Water Resources (DEWR). Both Fairfield City Council and ourselves agreed that complete certainty of project requirements is necessary before formal engagement with the local community.

DEWR are currently finalising the approval and we anticipate the Commonwealth Minister's approval by late June. Whilst we are now in a position to commence establishing the CLGs, the earliest we could hold our first meeting is late June and, including time to incorporate feedback from the CLG, the Parking Plan could not be finalised for Director-General's review before July.

Under the circumstances, we feel it would be prudent to modify condition 29 to delete the reference to the 3 months timeframe and instead make the Parking Plan a prerequisite for construction (or as otherwise agreed to by the Director-General) as per the Urban Design and Landscape Plan and others.

It is also noted that the Project Approval includes a small number of minor errors and misdescriptions that could be rectified at the same time, and it is requested that these be corrected as part of this modification request.



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Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Magney'.

Michael Magney
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