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Dear Ms Harras

RE: MP06\_0037 MOD 4 – SUBMISSIONS REGARDING MODIFICATION TO APPROVAL FOR MARINE REFUELLING & SUPPLY FACILITY, WHITE BAY APPLICANT: WHITE BAY 6 PTY LIMITED

I write regarding the submissions to the Department of Planning & Infrastructure lodged by Michael Fountain Architects Pty Ltd (dated 30 August 2013) and by the solicitors of Rozelle Bay Pty Ltd (dated 3 September 2013) (collectively, the Submissions). The Submissions object to the Section 75W Application to Modify an Approval which was lodged by White Bay 6 Pty Ltd (MP06\_0037 MOD 4) for the purposes of establishing a dry-stack boat storage facility at Bailey's Marina, White Bay.

In particular, I note that the Submissions raise a number of concerns regarding the Draft Sydney Harbour Boat Storage Strategy (the Draft Storage Strategy) which was issued by TfNSW in April 2013. I would like to clarify a number of points in response to these concerns.

Firstly, the Submissions identify that the Draft Storage Strategy makes no mention of the existing approval for the construction of a 670 berth dry-stack store at Rozelle Bay. In raising this concern, however, the Submissions acknowledge that construction of this dry-stack has not yet commenced and that the facility currently only provides storage for 50 vessels on the hardstand with a further 20 vessels in the water. As such, TfNSW maintains that there are currently no dry-stack boat storage facilities in Sydney Harbour and will continue to support all proposals that seek to increase the availability of this form of vessel storage. I confirm that the final Sydney Harbour Boat Storage Strategy to be released shortly will include reference to the 2007 development approval for a dry-stack storage facility in Rozelle Bay, but shall note that it has not yet commenced operations.

The Submissions also note that in suggesting that there is no dry boat storage facility on Sydney Harbour, the Draft Storage Strategy overlooks the fact that a limited amount of hardstand storage is currently available at various locations within the harbour. TfNSW acknowledges this fact and has amended the Sydney Harbour Boat Storage Strategy accordingly.

Generally speaking, TfNSW will support all development applications that seek to increase boat storage capacity on Sydney Harbour in the short, medium and long term. This in-

principle support is founded on the storage demand estimates contained in the report titled "NSW Boat Ownership and Storage: Growth Forecasts to 2026", and the Draft Storage Strategy, which proposed a development target of 1200 new dry-stack storage berths by 2021. Of course, TfNSW supports the proposed construction by Rozelle Bay Pty Ltd of the 670 berth dry-stack boat store and eagerly awaits news on the progress of construction of this facility.

If you require further details on TfNSW's position in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Andrew Mogg, Principal Manager, Waterways Access and Reform on (02) 8265-7413 or by email at <a href="mailto:andrew.mogg@transport.nsw.gov.au">andrew.mogg@transport.nsw.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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