



Transport

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Dear Mr Lusher,

**CONCEPT PLAN AND STAGE 1 PROJECT APPLICATION FOR A MIXED USE
DEVELOPMENT, 31 & 47 CROWN STREET, WOLLONGONG (MP06_0257)**

I refer to your email dated 2 November 2010 regarding the preferred project report (PRR) for the proposed mixed use tourist, commercial, retail and residential development. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on this matter.

TNSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) and acknowledges that DGRs for the proposal were issued in 2007. TNSW has not had the opportunity to review the application until this stage. However, it is noted that the *NSW State Plan* now includes a mode share target to increase public transport's share of peak time trips to 15% by 2016 for the Wollongong CBD and this is not addressed by the proposal.

It is noted that the proposal includes a significant component of car parking in a location that is accessible to public transport including the free Gong Shuttle that connects to key destinations such as the University of Wollongong and Wollongong Station. The opportunity to reduce parking on the site should be explored as part of a workplace travel plan (WTP) that examines car share opportunities, conversion of vehicle parking into bicycle storage, and options for leasing parking independent of residential and commercial tenancies ('unbundled parking').

In addition, a Travel Access Guide (TAG) should be prepared and made available to workers and visitors to the site. For more information on travel planning, the Active Transport Planner's Toolkit and a WTP brochure are attached.

TNSW is interested in ensuring that the proposal supports walking and cycling to and from the site. End of trip facilities including adequate bicycle parking, showers and change rooms should be provided for employees in accordance with the rates and design specifications of the *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling* (2004).

TNSW would be pleased to assist the Department of Planning to convert these comments into conditions of consent if considered appropriate. The contact officer for this matter is Hanna Cihal, who can be contacted on (02) 8202 2263 or via email at hanna.cihal@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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