



20 May 2011

The Director-General  
Department of Planning  
Major Infrastructure Assessment  
22-33 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Dinuka McKenzie

## **M5 EAST MOTORWAY – KINGSGROVE ROAD COMPOUND – REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

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Dear Dinuka

The RTA is requesting a modification to Minister's approval for the M5 East Motorway to establish a permanent maintenance compound for the M5 East Motorway at 197-201 Kingsgrove Road, Kingsgrove (corner of Kingsgrove Road and the M5 East Motorway).

Please find the following attachment a report requesting a modification to Minister's approval of the construction and operation of the M5 East Motorway

The Motorway's maintenance requirements have increased as the asset has aged and as a result the RTA needs to establish an additional compound at a location close to the motorway. The request for modification to Minister's approval will be referred to as the Kingsgrove Road Compound hereafter.

The request for modification to Minister's approval for the Kingsgrove Road Compound is sought under Part 3A of the Act as a modification to the M5 East Motorway approval as agreed between the RTA and the Department of Planning.

The ongoing operation of the M5 East Motorway requires a range of maintenance activities. A number of these activities have been increasingly undertaken within the area surrounding the Turrella ventilation station, amongst other locations. While these locations were described and assessed in the EIS, a number of the required maintenance activities were not contemplated in earlier planning approval documentation, and therefore may not be consistent with the Minister's approval. 197-201 Kingsgrove Road is proposed for use as a compound because of its close proximity to the motorway. This compound would also allow for a quick response to emergencies such as breakdowns or incidents in the tunnels.

This change is considered consistent with the M5 East Motorway's current objectives and would not result in significant changes to the M5 East Motorway project.

The request for modification to Minister's approval would provide an approved maintenance site as required for M5 East Motorway operations. Negative environmental impacts are limited and safeguards to address these issues have been provided. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Camden L. MacRae on 02 8837 0932 should you wish to discuss this application or clarify any issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Finlayson', followed by a period.

Felicity Finlayson  
General Manager  
Motorway Management