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Director-General

Mr S Haddad
Director-General
Department of Planning
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**Inner West Busway along Victoria Road – Application to modify Minister's
Conditions of Approval**

Dear Mr Haddad,

I refer to the Minister for Planning's approval of the Victoria Road upgrade project (now known as the 'Inner West Busway along Victoria Road') on 9 April 2009.

Please find the following attachments:

- A The request to modify a major project including a cheque for \$750 payable for assessing the minor modification.
- B A report detailing the proposed modification to the Inner West Busway project for the Minister's for Planning consideration.
- C The five submissions to the cycleway project REF which refer to the White Bay component.
- D Sketches showing the location of the work and the proposal.

The community sought improvements to cyclist and pedestrian facilities in Drummoyne and Rozelle in response to the exhibition of the environmental assessment for the Victoria Road Upgrade project (now Inner West Busway along Victoria Road) (referred to hereafter as the *IWB EA*).

In consultation with councils, cyclist groups and others the RTA developed the Inner West Busway Cyclist and Pedestrian Improvements project (referred to hereafter as the *cycleway project*).

One component of the *cycleway project* would involve changes to the footpath on Victoria Road between The Crescent and Robert Street on the citybound carriageway at White Bay (referred to hereafter as the *White Bay component*).

The *cycleway project* including the *White Bay component* was assessed under Part V of the EP&A Act. The REF was exhibited in November – December 2009 and determined in two stages with Stage 2 determined on 30 June 2010.

The impacts associated with the *White Bay component* were assessed as part of the *cycleway project* REF. However planning approval for the *White Bay component* is sought under Part 3A of the Act as a modification to the Inner West Busway along Victoria Road approval as agreed between the RTA and the Department of Planning.

The *White Bay component* requires acquisition of a portion of land zoned SREP 26 from the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority. Item 10 of Schedule 2 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005 identifies development within the White Bay Power Station and White Bay Hotel Site as Part 3A development.

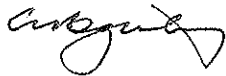
A consistency assessment with the *IWB EA* concluded that the proposed *White Bay component* is consistent with the objectives of the approved *IWB* project and does not result in significant changes to the *IWB* project.

However, potential impacts on the White Bay Power Station site are not consistent with those identified in the *IWB EA* and the Minister's conditions of approval for impacts related to heritage value for this site.

The modified project would respond to the Inner West Busway project objectives by improving safety for cyclists and pedestrians, and providing better links for cyclists. Negative environmental impacts are limited to those associated with construction (such as noise, traffic, access and visual impacts), particularly at night. These impacts have been identified as short-term and manageable. The proposal is not expected to result in any long-term or significant impacts on the environment.

If you would like any more information please contact the RTA's Senior Project Development Manager, Andrew Davidson on 0413 368 324.

Yours faithfully,



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