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Attention: Ms Megan Fu

Dear Mr Cavallo,

EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESMENT FOR THE AUSTRALIAN HEARING HUB – MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY (MP10_0032)

I refer to your letter dated 22 July 2010 seeking advice on the Environmental Assessment report regarding the above mentioned project. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on this application and apologises for the delay in responding.

TNSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment report and supporting Transport and Accessibility Impact Report and has prepared a number of specific comments, which are separately attached.

TNSW is concerned that the environmental assessment has not fully addressed the Director General's Requirements (DGR) and requires further consideration in regard to the following:

- Measures to promote sustainable means of transport including public transport usage, car sharing, car pooling and pedestrian and bicycle linkages *in addition to addressing the potential for implementing a Workplace Travel Plan or a location-specific sustainable travel plan* [emphasis added]; and
- Detail the provision of facilities to increase the non-car mode share for travel to and from the site as per the 40% non-car mode share target specified in Condition B2(1) of the Concept Plan approval (MP06_0016).

TNSW requests that the proponent take into consideration the objectives and initiatives of the Metropolitan Transport Plan, which will deliver 1000 new buses, commencement of the North West Rail Link, the Western Express and City Relief Line and completion of 43 strategic bus corridors across Sydney that will further improve public and active transport and assist in achieving sustainable outcomes for the site. It should also be noted that an upgrade of the M2 Motorway has been announced and is presently being assessed as a Major Project by the Department of Planning.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ben Colmer on 9268 2259 or email: ben.colmer@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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Encl: Detailed comments

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AUSTRALIAN HEARING HUB (MP10_0032) DETAILED COMMENTS

Car parking provision

TNSW supports a minimalist approach to car parking in locations well serviced by public transport. Given the accessibility of the site to both rail and bus transport as well as walking and cycling facilities, TNSW recommends the car parking spaces be reduced to a maximum of 290 spaces in accordance with the maximum rates outlined in the approved Macquarie University Concept Plan (MUCP) which recommends 1 space per 80m² of Gross Floor Area across precincts E and F.

Bicycle parking and end of trips facilities

TNSW notes the provision of 159 bicycle spaces as well as end of trip facilities for cyclists and pedestrians. TNSW requests that bicycle parking for staff should be prioritised in convenient locations that are well lit, sheltered and secure. Provision should also be made for visitor bicycle parking at grade and located close to major entrances in well lit and secure locations. The Department's Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling (2004) and the NSW Bike Plan (2010) provide relevant context and specifications.

Mode share target to public and active transport

TNSW recommends that, in accordance with Director General's Request, the proponent aim to achieve the approved MUCP's 40% mode share target to non-car travel, which exceeds the minimum State Plan target of 28%.

Sustainable Transport Measures

TNSW notes the proponent's consideration of a number of sustainable transport options including car sharing, car pooling, Workplace Travel Plans (WTP) and discounted annual public transport tickets. However, TNSW is concerned that only a WTP is included in the draft statement of commitments. TNSW requests that the following Travel Demand Management measures also be included in the final Statement of commitments:

- Provision of car pooling and car share spaces in priority locations; and
- Preparation of a Travel Access Guide (TAG) for visitors to the site. Information on how to prepare a TAG is available at www.rta.nsw.gov.au.