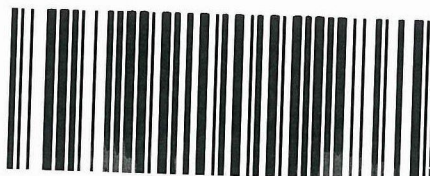




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Dear Mr Bennett,



Project Application – Huntlee New Town (Stage 1)

I refer to your letter dated 18 March 2011 requesting any comments regarding the exhibition for the Stage 1 Subdivision of the new town at Huntlee.

The Department of Transport has reviewed the Environmental Assessment and accompanying Transport Management and Accessibility Plan (TMAP). The Department of Transport has identified the following matters for inclusion as conditions of consent or commitment statements:

- The preparation of a bus servicing strategy by the applicant, for the staged development of Huntlee, which builds on local and regional connections including access to Branxton Station and key regional centres including Cessnock, Maitland and Singleton. The strategy should be prepared prior to the issuing of a subdivision certificate in consultation with the Department of Transport.

It is important to note that local school services will comprise a significant proportion of services and in order to manage fleet allocation, need to be planned with other route services including community and charter services.

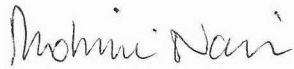
- Each stage of the development is to incorporate a mix of residential and employment uses to achieve a level of trip containment, from the outset of development, that positively contributes to the achievement of the proposed 30% mode split to public transport.
- The preparation of a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian access strategy, in consultation with the Department of Transport, prior to issuing a subdivision certificate that demonstrates a staged commitment to bicycle and pedestrian networks connecting residents to the townships of Branxton and Rothbury, together with planned neighbourhood centres and the emerging Huntlee Town Centre. Connections with regional bike routes should also be addressed in the strategy.
- The inclusion of maximum car parking rates within the draft Huntlee New Town Development Control Plan (DCP) that support the proposed 30% split to public transport.
- Travel access guides and work place travel plans are to be included in the Huntlee DCP. Information about what should be included in these plans is available on the Premier's Council for Active Living website <http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/>.

The DoT has reviewed the detailed submission prepared by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) and acknowledges the need to meet with key stakeholders, including the applicant, to resolve identified transport issues.

The submission prepared by Railcorp raises a number of important long term transport issues for rail that are best addressed by the Department of Planning through a regional transport strategy process and in consultation with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure as part of a planned review of the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy.

The contact officer for this matter is Lauren O'Connor, who can be contacted on (02) 82022292 or alternatively on Lauren.O'Connor@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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