



24 November 2020

Mr Jim Betts
Secretary
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
12 Darcy Street
Parramatta NSW 2150

Attention: Ania Dorocinska

Dear Mr Betts,

**EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
WOOLWORTHS WARHOUSE DISTRIBUTION CENTRE
11-13 PERCY STREET, AUBURN**

Thank you for referring the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to Transport for NSW (TfNSW).

TfNSW has reviewed the EIS and provides the following advisory comments for the Department's consideration in **TAB A**.

If you have any further inquiries in relation to this development application please contact Narelle Gonzales, Development Assessment Officer, on 0409 541 879 or by email at: development.sydney@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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TAB A

Detail of heavy vehicle route

Comment

As per the SEARs, the EIS should include “*details of access to, from and within the site to/from the local road and strategic (motorway) network; and a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) including a description of vehicle access routes and the impacts on nearby intersections.*” However, the detail of heavy vehicle route description has not been included in the EIS or TIA. Furthermore, traffic count as well as intersection assessment of A44/A6 and M4/A6 have not been provided.

Recommendation

Further information in regards to the above comment should be provided as part of the Response to Submissions.

Types of heavy vehicles to be used for operation

Comment

Section 3.28 of the TIA indicates that “*Inbound deliveries to the online fulfilment centre will be made by semi-trailers up to 20 metres long*”. 20m semi-trailer is not a general access vehicle and will require a permit (PBS) to operate. Left turn from Parramatta Road to Percy Street is not permitted for heavy vehicles exceeding 19 metres in length. Also, Percy Road is not on a PBS level 1 network.

Recommendation

The applicant should note the above and respond as part of the Response to Submissions, with particular detail and analysis to be provided in how heavy vehicle movements are to be accommodated. This should include route paths but also amendments to the traffic modelling.

Queuing / Overflow area

Comment

The assessment has not specified queuing/overflow area is required for inbound trucks and delivery vans.

Recommendation

Clarification should be provided in regards to the need of queuing/overflow area in support of the proposed operation.

SIDRA Modelling

Comment

TfNSW advises that network capacity on the surrounding classified and local roads is limited and during peak periods is subject to queueing. It has been estimated in the TIA that the proposed daily traffic generation of the site would be 1100 vehicles per day (two way movement).

Recommendation

To ensure that the traffic generated by the development can be accommodated, without further impacting the Level of Service (LoS) of the surrounding network, TfNSW recommends that the proponent provide the electronic copy of the SIDRA modelling for further review and comment as part of the Response to Submissions.