

Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Attn: Keith Ng

**Request for advice on Environmental Impact Statement – SSI 10035
Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2**

Dear Mr Ng,

I refer to your request for comment on the State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) application for Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 (PLR2) and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) strongly support the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 2 project. This key infrastructure project will connect Sydney Olympic Park directly to surrounding areas and greater Sydney. The Park is continuing to evolve and the town centre is expected to undergo significant change in line with a new Master Plan 2050 to become a major population and employment growth centre within the GPOP area.

PLR2 will contribute to making Sydney Olympic Park a more enjoyable and convenient place to live, work and visit, delivering increased development, housing, jobs and economic prosperity for local businesses. PLR2 will also service Sydney Olympic Park during events alleviating pressure put on rail and bus services, traffic and car parking and contribute to the successful development of a thriving night-time economy.

Given the importance of this project to the Sydney Olympic Park, SOPA has conducted a detailed reviewed of the SSI EIS and technical documents and have provided detailed comments in the following attachments:

- Attachment A - Table of overarching comments;
- Attachment B - Ecology, Biodiversity and Heritage specific comments; and
- Attachment C - Letter of expert advice - University of Newcastle, which details the impacts to green and golden bell frogs and their habitat at Sydney Olympic Park.

Overall, whilst highly supportive of the project, SOPA considers that there is opportunity for the EIS to more comprehensively address a number of site-specific issues related to Sydney Olympic Park as an important ecological site and event precinct. We would welcome further assessment in relation to traffic and transport, ecology, remediated lands and the precinct's event requirements, especially in relation to the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

To ensure a comprehensive EIS that can deliver the best possible outcomes for the project, SOPA requests the opportunity to review the Response To Submissions (RTS) and Amendment Report to provide further comments and additional Recommended Conditions of Consent that may be required for DPE's consideration.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this correspondence further, please contact Rupert Luxton, Urban Planner on 0400 768 486.

Yours sincerely,



John Ferguson
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