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Hon Brad Hazzard MP  
Minister for Planning & Infrastructure  
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Dear Minister Hazzard

**Re: Notification of State Significant Development Application (SSD 5589-2012)  
Glebe Island Expo, Somerville Road, Glebe Island and White Bay**

Thank you for your recent invitation to Leichhardt Council to comment on the above application for the construction and use of a temporary exhibition facility at Glebe Island.

At the Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11 December 2012 Council considered a report regarding the application and through Resolution C601/12 to provide you and the Minister for Transport with the attached Report and the following comments as Council's submission on State Significant Development Application (SSD 5589-2012). Leichhardt Council:-

- a) Acknowledges the importance of establishing a temporary Convention and Exhibition Centre (GITEC) for the NSW economy.
- b) Wishes to express serious concerns about flaws in the planning for the Glebe Island Temporary Exhibition Centre that could jeopardise its functioning result in a loss of events and have adverse impacts on traffic and parking in local streets. These include:
  - lack of pedestrian access to the site including the absence of direct pedestrian access from the City
  - further loss of parking on Robert Street
  - cumulative impact of traffic from the Cruise Passenger Terminal and other nearby developments on the existing access roads to the Balmain Peninsula and on Victoria Road and The Crescent
- c) Calls for the Government to reopen to Glebe Island Bridge to pedestrians and cyclists to ensure major events are not lost to NSW.
- d) Requests support for a strategy, pending approval of the proposal, to extend events and patronage at the GITEC into the local main streets to ensure benefits for local businesses and residents.
- e) Requests that apparently flawed assumptions and contradictory evidence in the Traffic Management Strategy for the proposed facility is independently peer reviewed

and the Strategy revised to address related issues such as the naïve expectation that event visitors will not attempt to access the facility on foot.

- f) Requests the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to hold a public meeting at a time and location convenient to the local residents prior to determination of the application.

It should be noted that the recommendation by Council that the shuttle bus services be extended to Leichhardt's town centres will need to be carefully managed. This will minimise the risk of exhibition centre visitors using shuttle pick up points as park and ride locations with resultant over-parking in adjoining streets.

The attached report provides an independent expert assessment of the application. It outlines measures that will minimise the potential adverse impacts the facility could have on Leichhardt's economy, community and environment. This report also includes detailed recommendations on how the design and operation of the proposed temporary exhibition and function centre could be improved to enhance the benefits the exhibition centre could deliver to the NSW, Sydney and local economies.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Wilson  
**MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**