

30<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
P0117B Consultation re Transport Capacity

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**Attn: Mr Ethan Clark**

Dear Ethan,

**NeW Space Test of Adequacy – Consultation regarding Public Transport Capacity**

We have met with Caroline Scott, Transport for New South Wales and Principal Planner Newcastle Light Rail to discuss the current and future capacity of public transport in Newcastle and whether it will be adequate to meet the needs of the NeW Space development. Our discussions addressed the implementation of the light rail as well as the integration of buses into this change, and the capability of the public transport system to handle the additional demands generated by the NeW Space development in the interim phase and the completed phase of the light rail installation.

Matters raised by Ms Scott regarding the existing situation and the planned truncation of the heavy rail were:

- Newcastle City Council has identified that there is no need for increases in public parking supply
- That there is ample bus capacity available in Newcastle
- That there will be a seat on a bus for every train passenger
- That buses will run to meet the trains terminating at Broadmeadow (from the south) and Hamilton (from the north west)
- That there is adequate spare capacity on train services with approximately 5500 passengers currently travelling through Wickham station daily (2250 in bound and 2250 outbound)

Regarding the interim phase of the light rail construction:

- Hunter trains will stop at Hamilton and Central Coast Newcastle trains will stop primarily at Broadmeadow with some services extending to Hamilton to connect the two services
- Buses will run between Broadmeadow and the CBD with opportunities for express services to the CBD
- There is a need recognised to accommodate University of Newcastle students travelling along the Central Coast Broadmeadow line to be able to transfer across to services to Warabrook station.
- Bus services along Hunter Street may be effected by works associated with the installation of the light rail. The capacity for a bus lane during this period is still being investigated.
- Bus capacity will be monitored to ensure there is adequate capacity to transfer passengers to the heavy rail services. This includes ensuring adequate capacity to cater for students and staff travelling between campuses.

Completed Light Rail:

- Light rail has adequate capacity to cater for demands generated by NeW Space
- Once the light rail is operational bus movements in the CBD will be modified with buses connecting to light rail in the western end of the light rail.
- Light rail frequency is 10 minutes during the peak periods
- Improvements to the Newcastle Buses network are being investigated to improve access to the CBD including express bus routes.

In conclusion it was confirmed that there is plenty of spare capacity in the existing public transport network and planned for in the future public transport network to cater for the revitalisation of Newcastle, of which NeW Space is an integral part.

Yours faithfully,



Cathy Thomas  
**Director**