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Mr S Haddad
Director-General
Department of Planning
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Dear Mr Haddad

The Westlink M7 was approved by the Minister for Planning in accordance with Division 4, Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) on 28 February 2002.

A proposed modification to the project, being the deletion of Condition of Approval 115(a), has been examined and considered by the RTA. That consideration concluded that the proposed modification was inconsistent with the Minister's approval.

Accordingly, I have determined, pursuant to Section 75W of the EP&A Act, to seek the approval of the Minister for Planning to the modification of the approval.

Condition of Approval 115(a) deals with the maintenance of pedestrian and bicycle access across the M7 at Mavis Street, Rooty Hill. Consultation with Blacktown City Council has indicated that this access route has been closed for some time. Council supports the removal of this Condition of Approval on the basis that the Blacktown Olympic Park masterplan includes no current or proposed access at this location. Council is satisfied that appropriate alternative access is available across the Westlink M7 at Eastern Road. Attached for your information is documentation from Blacktown City Council in support of this position.

The RTA considers that no further environmental assessment or public exhibition should be required in relation to the proposed modification. There are no biophysical or economic effects associated with not providing access. Potential social impacts related to the longer access route via Eastern Road are considered to be minimal. Access from Mavis Street to Aquilina Reserve (Blacktown Olympic Park) has not been available for some time and is not proposed by Blacktown City Council. Given that the proposed modification simply reflects the existing situation and that it accords with Council's Blacktown Olympic Park masterplan, further assessment, public consultation and exhibition of the proposed modification would provide no public benefit.

Accordingly, I would appreciate your support for the modification of the 28 February 2002 approval of the Minister for Planning without further environmental assessment or public exhibition.

Yours sincerely


Mike Hannon
Acting Chief Executive

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16th January, 2003

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Attention: Mr. Greg Butler

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter regarding Pedestrian access to Blacktown Olympic Park (Your Ref: 01M5573) from Mavis Street, Rooty Hill.

Council has previously considered the need for pedestrian and cycle access from Mavis Street to Blacktown Olympic Park (BOP). The development of BOP has concentrated access to the signalised intersection on Eastern Road. With the construction of the Western Sydney Orbital (WSO) all access on the western side of the site will be closed.

The pedestrian/cycleway which is proposed to follow the WSO provides access under the carriageway at Angus Creek and access to Eastern Road at the south western corner of the BOP. This with a connection to Mavis Street, from the WSO pedestrian cycle path will satisfy condition 115(a) as access along Eastern Road is in place.

Should you require any further information regarding the above matter, please contact the person indicated below.

Yours faithfully,
 IAN REYNOLDS
GENERAL MANAGER

Per: *G.M. Trotter*

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Dear Sir

I refer to your recent enquiry requesting Council's position on the proposed deletion of a condition of consent associated with the M7 project. It is understood the condition referred to is:

115. *"Grade separated pedestrian/cycle access shall be maintained across the project within the following road reserve;*

(a) *Mavis Street Rooty Hill (incorporating Angus Creek Crossing and access to Aquilina Reserve."*

Council has reviewed this matter and raises no objection to the deletion of this condition as there is no current or future access proposed to the Blacktown Olympic Park (BOP) at this location under the BOP masterplan.

Should you require any further information regarding the above matter, please contact the person indicated below.

Yours faithfully,
IAN REYNOLDS
GENERAL MANAGER

Per:

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