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Addendum to the Submissions and Preferred
Infrastructure Report – Additional issues raised by
the community

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1 Addendum – Additional issues raised by the community

The following issues have been raised via community submissions. These issues are in addition to those issues listed and responded to in the Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report.

Level and quality of the operational noise assessment

The following issue was raised regarding the level and quality of the operational noise and vibration assessment.

Issue description – determination of highly urban areas

A submission raised the concern that the determination of ‘highly urban’ areas in the noise assessment has been inconsistently/ incorrectly applied.

Response

Classification of areas as being “highly urban” was undertaken in accordance with section 6.3 of the Road and Maritime’s *Noise Criteria Guideline* (2015) (refer to Section 6.1.2 of the Technical working paper: Noise and vibration in Appendix J of the EIS). In accordance with the *Noise Criteria Guideline*, the study area boundaries were reduced to where the noise levels from the project contribute slightly less than half of the total predicted noise level. These boundaries were adjusted to coincide with natural landmarks such as roads, as far as possible, to provide logical boundaries.

This approach was applied consistently throughout the urban area surrounding the St Peters interchange, in accordance with the *Noise Criteria Guideline*.

Issues outside the scope of the project

The following issues were raised in community submissions, and are not within scope for the project.

Issue description – funding should be allocated to other roads instead of the project

Submissions raised the following concerns:

- That funding allocated to the WestConnex program of works should be provided for roads in regional areas instead of to the project
- That improvements to other existing roads would help to save lives.

Response

The allocation of funding and project planning for upgrades to regional and other existing roads is beyond the scope of the project.

Issue description – operation of the M5 East Motorway

Submissions raised the following concerns:

- Ventilation of the M5 East Motorway tunnel is inadequate and that the in-tunnel air quality of the motorway tunnels is poor
- Breakdowns on the M5 East Motorway cause traffic delays.

Response

Operation of the M5 East Motorway is beyond the scope of the project.

Issue description – planting of unsuitable trees

A submission raised the concern that the planting of unsuitable trees by local Councils in residential streets can cause structural damage to homes.

Response

Planting of street trees by local Councils is outside the scope of this project.