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Dear Lee,

Albion Park Rail bypass SSI 6878 – Transition to Operation for Stage 2

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) of the progress of construction of the Albion Park Rail bypass project (the project) and the planned transition to operation for Stage 2.

The project's staging report submitted to the Secretary under Ministers Condition of Approval A12, states that the project will be delivered and operated in three stages:

1. Stage 1, which is the Croom Regional Sporting Complex reconfiguration, commenced operation on 1 July 2019.
2. Stage 2, which is the extension of the M1 Princes Motorway between Yallah and Oak Flats and is currently under construction, is anticipated to commence operation in September 2021, with construction completion following shortly thereafter (both milestones are weather dependent).
3. Stage 3, which is the Yallah Interchange, has not commenced construction.

To facilitate the construction of Stage 2 towards completion, a section of the new motorway's northbound and southbound carriageway between Yallah and Albion Park is anticipated to be opened to traffic in a temporary and reduced speed configuration in late April to early May 2021, weather dependent.

Following this, the remaining sections of northbound and southbound carriageways between Albion Park and Oak Flats are anticipated to be opened to traffic in a temporary configuration in July 2021, weather dependent.

No operational conditions of approval are proposed to be triggered due to these sections of carriageway being opened to traffic, as they will not be in their final configuration. As a result, Stage 2 of the project will continue to be managed under the approved Construction Environmental Management Plan until operation is achieved later this year, expected in September 2021.

Transport for NSW will continue to advise the Department of the progress of Stage 2 of the project, as it transitions to operation.

Please contact Mr Peter Hawkins, Project Development Manager, on 0429 504 605 if you have any queries or require further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Hawkins', is positioned above the printed name.

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