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Our ref: SSI-15-7400
Your ref:
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Dear Mr Baker

RE: Sydney Metro City and Southwest – Chatswood to Sydenham

Please find attached a copy of the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Sydney Metro City and Southwest Chatswood to Sydenham proposal. These requirements have been prepared in consultation with relevant government authorities based on the information you have provided to date. I have also enclosed a copy of the government authorities' comments for your information. Please note that the Secretary may alter the SEARs at any time.

If you do not lodge an EIS for the proposal within two (2) years, you must consult further with the Secretary in relation to the preparation of the EIS.

On lodgement of the EIS, the Department will review the document in consultation with the relevant authorities to determine if it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

I would appreciate it if you would contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit the EIS. This will enable the Department to determine the number of copies (hard-copy and electronic) required to undertake the review.

If the proposal is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). It is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of the Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111). This approval is additional to any approvals required under NSW legislation.

Should you have any enquiries regarding these SEARs, please contact Mick Fallon on (02) 9228 2083 or at Mick.Fallon@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Director Transport Assessments
As delegate of the Secretary