



19 May 2022

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Dear Glenn,

Sydney Metro Chatswood to Sydenham, SSI_7400, Request for modification to Condition E36

Sydney Metro request a modification to Condition E36 of the Chatswood to Sydenham project approval (SSI 7400) in accordance with the requirements of section 5.25 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The attached table (Table 1) outlines the proposed modification to the condition as well as justification for the proposed modification. Recommended new text is provided in red and recommended removed text is provided in red and is struck out.

Please do not hesitate to contact Yvette Buchli, Associate Director Planning Approvals, on 0403 886 560 if you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Director, Sustainability, Environment and Planning
Sydney Metro

Table 1: Request for modification to Condition E36

Condition of approval	Requested modification	Justification
<p><u>Condition E36: Standard construction hours</u></p> <p>Extend construction hours from 1pm to 6pm on Saturdays</p>	<p>Standard eC Construction hours: E36 Construction, except as allowed by Condition E48 (excluding cut and cover tunnelling), must only be undertaken during the following standard construction hours:</p> <p>(a) 7:00am to 6:00pm Mondays to Fridays, inclusive;</p> <p>(b) 8:00am to 61:00pm Saturdays; and</p> <p>(c) at no time on Sundays or public holidays.</p>	<p>Construction work across the Chatswood to Sydenham component of Sydney Metro City & Southwest has been undertaken on weekends over the past two years, in line with the temporary Covid-19 Construction Work Orders. Given the works that have been undertaken during this time have been low risk in nature and have resulted in limited additional community complaints, Sydney Metro is seeking to extend the construction hours in Condition E36 to include Saturday afternoons.</p> <p>The activities that Sydney Metro would generally propose to undertake during Saturday afternoons include works associated with the construction of the new metro stations, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concrete pours • pre-assembly of structural steel panels • hoist and crane operation • station fit-out work including installation of utility services • materials deliveries • temporary ventilation • waterproofing • formwork and reinforcement fixing. <p>Equipment used will include rattle guns, hand powered tools, saws, elevated work platforms, vacuum trucks, concrete trucks, lighting towers, welding machines, concrete vibrator and pumps, ventilation fans, dewatering units, helicopter trowels, tower / mobile cranes and delivery vehicles.</p> <p>The above activities are very similar in nature to the construction activities that have taken place on weekends over the past two years, and Sydney Metro will aim to limit additional community impacts. Sydney Metro and its contractors will continue to undertake engagement with stakeholders and the community and will ensure affected community members are notified of the proposed works and any complaints heard and mitigation strategies put in place where possible. Sydney Metro will continue to use mitigation measures such as noise monitoring, noise blankets, concrete pumping acoustic enclosures, limited tools and non-tonal reversing alarms on trucks. The aim of these measures is to ensure that noise and vibration impacts on the community are minimised and that Sydney Metro is working within approved noise and vibration levels.</p> <p>For the six months between February and October 2021, when the Covid-19 Order was in place, Sydney Metro received 13 complaints across all Chatswood to Sydenham construction sites for work undertaken outside 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays. These complaints related to noise, working hours and dust issues. For the six months between March and November 2019, prior to</p>

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		<p>the Covid-19 Order being in place, Sydney Metro received 10 complaints across all Chatswood to Sydenham construction sites for work undertaken outside 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays, in accordance with the Out of Hours Works Protocol. These complaints related to noise, dust, and access issues. Therefore, an extension of working hours into Saturday afternoon did not result in a significant increase in complaints.</p> <p>In April/May 2022, Sydney Metro sought feedback from the community regarding the proposed modification to extend construction hours on Saturday afternoon, as well as undertake additional works hours on weekdays and Sundays through the out-of-hours works approval process. A total of 18,750 site specific and general factsheets were distributed across the whole Chatswood to Sydenham alignment including key construction locations, such as Crows Nest, Victoria Cross and Waterloo. Additionally, 25 sensitive stakeholders were called at Crows Nest, Victoria Cross and Waterloo to ensure they had seen the factsheets and were aware they could provide feedback on the proposed modification. By close of the feedback period, 10 responses were received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 no objections (1 resident from each site at Chatswood, Crows Nest and Victoria Cross) • 7 objections (5x Waterloo resident and 2 Chatswood dive residents). <p>Of the objections received, the issues raised included timing of work (overnight), loud works, need for more detailed works notifications, traffic, impacts to amenity, impacts on property value and ability to rent, and preference for an overall longer work program to enable community respite. Sydney Metro will continue to work with residents and stakeholders to ensure issues raised can be appropriately managed. It is also noted that some of the objections related to the proposal to undertake some construction works on Sundays through the out-of-hours works process, rather than the proposed extension to construction hours on Saturday afternoons.</p> <p>In addition, Sydney Metro met with the Environment Protection Authority on 14 March 2022 to outline the proposed approach to additional construction hours across the Chatswood to Sydenham project. No concerns or issues were raised during this meeting.</p> <p>Therefore, given the nature of proposed works, evidence of complaints received to date and Sydney Metro's engagement practices, it is anticipated that the extension of construction hours to include Saturday afternoons can be appropriately managed. While Sydney Metro recognises the potential impact of extended construction hours on the community, it is essential to allow work to be completed to ensure customers can enjoy the full benefits of a metro station at their doorstep by 2024.</p>

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		<p>Inclusion of construction hours until 6pm on Saturdays will also ensure consistency with other Sydney Metro projects currently under construction, including the Sydenham to Bankstown of Sydney Metro City & Southwest (SSI 8256), Sydney International Speedway (SSI 10048), Sydney Metro West Stage 1 (SSI 10038). It is also noted that a recent Ministerial Order (dated 4 February 2022) enables some building activities to continue to occur on Saturdays and Sundays.</p>