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Dear Mr Wilson

**WestConnex M4-M5 (Stage 3a Mainline Tunnel) (SSI 7485)
Communications Strategy Revision 14**

I refer to your request on 9 July 2020 for approval of the revised Communications Strategy (Revision 14) dated July 2020 which was submitted under Condition B1 of SSI 7485.

The Department has reviewed the document and notes the following updates:

- update to **Table 3.1, Section 3** to include information on controlled blasting under the vibration 'Key Issue'
- update to **Section 3.1.3** to add clarification of activities defined as 'tunnel excavation', including road-headers, rock-breakers/hammers or controlled blasting, to align with the Environmental Impact Assessment
- update to **Appendix A, Table A-1** to now also reference condition E96 and align this condition with the above changes, as well as to provide reference to the Blast Management Strategy.

I consider the above updates to be minor and administrative. I also note that the Project will prepare a separate communication plan consistent with the approved Communications Strategy to ensure appropriate engagement with affected stakeholders occurs prior to any blasting activities being carried out.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Communications Strategy (Revision 14) dated July 2020. Please ensure that the approved plan is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Vesna Paceskoski on 02 8217 2056 or by email to vesna.paceskoski@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erica van den Honert'.

Erica van den Honert
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary