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08/07/2024

Subject: Blast Management Strategy (Revision E)

Dear Mr Lawrence

I refer to your submission dated 19 June 2024 of the Blast Management Strategy in accordance with condition E62 of SSI 7666. I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

Revision E of the Blast Management Strategy was submitted to the department for information following changes that were made to address findings of an investigation into non-compliances with Airblast overpressure limits associated with tunnel blasting. These changes relate to the measurement of blast overpressure levels and roles and responsibilities.

Section 6.2 of the Blast Management Strategy has been revised to state that there is no requirement to continue monitoring at a specific location where the previous six blasts have shown air overpressure levels than 110dBL. Section 7 has been updated to correctly address the roles and responsibilities of project personnel to ensure that blasting will be completed to a high standard and ensure a safe environment for persons around the work area.

I note the Blast Management Strategy (Revision E, 14 June 2024):

- has been reviewed by Transport for NSW and no issues have been raised with the Department;
- has been endorsed by a suitably qualified and experienced person, namely Dr John Heilig RPEQ#6304; and
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Blast Management Strategy and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail. Please ensure you make the Blast Management

Strategy (Revision E, 14 June 2024) publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Rebecca Eddington on (02) 9585 6469.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Grant Brown
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary