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Attn: Jack McGovern

Dear Mr Doug Parris

Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection – Preferred Infrastructure Report

The exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above project ended on 1 March 2021. The Department has reviewed the EIS and submissions received and has sought independent expert air quality, traffic, water and hydrology advice.

The Department requires further assessment and, in accordance with Section 5.17(6)(b) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the preparation of a Preferred Infrastructure Report (PIR), in addition to a Response to Submissions Report, that further:

- a) assesses alternative locations, social and environmental impacts of the proposed construction ancillary facility located at Flat Rock Drive (BL2) and assesses the construction impacts to recreational users of Spit West Reserve (BL9)
- b) assesses the impacts to Middle Harbour from the introduction of a sill (due to the placement of immersed tube tunnels) including appropriate measurements/monitoring data and impact assessment
- c) assesses the treatment and handling of contaminated material and any temporary onshore transfer/handling sites associated with the proposed dredging of Middle Harbour
- d) identifies local road intersections impacted by traffic changes as a result of the operation of the project. Consideration and assessment of the impact of those changes and identification of measures to mitigate the impacts is also required.

The Department also reminds TfNSW that the Department's assessment timeframes do not include the seeking of further information, re-exhibition (if required) and condition negotiation. It is the proponent's responsibility to accommodate these actions in its own timeframes and to ensure that requested documentation is of a standard to allow the Department to complete its assessment.

Should you have any inquiries regarding these matters, please contact Andrew Beattie on (02) 9274 6384.

Yours sincerely,

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As delegate of the Planning Secretary

