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Re: Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection (SSI-8862) - Addendum to the preferred infrastructure report

2 June 2022

Attn: Belinda Scott

Dear Erica,

Transport for NSW lodged the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection submissions report and preferred infrastructure report with the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) on 4 November 2021. The preferred infrastructure report addressed the requirements of the Department's letter dated 14 May 2021, including an assessment of the treatment and handling of dredged and excavated material and the identification of a loadout facility for material not suitable for offshore sea disposal.

Following detailed analysis and consideration of feedback received on Section 5 of the preferred infrastructure report, Transport for NSW will not be progressing with the proposal to transport dredged and excavated materials from the project to the Port of Newcastle.

A preferred infrastructure report addendum (Section 9 - Treatment and loadout of dredged and excavated material not suitable for offshore disposal) has been prepared to:

- confirm Transport for NSW will not be progressing with the proposal to transport dredged and excavated material from Middle Harbour to the Port of Newcastle
- identify site selection and construction criteria to guide the future selection of a loadout facility comparable to that previously assessed at the Port of Newcastle
- demonstrate there would be minimal risk and/or potential environmental or community impacts associated with a future loadout facility
- confirm the construction methodology for works within Middle Harbour remain unchanged.

Please find enclosed the section 9 preferred infrastructure report addendum for the Department's consideration in their assessment of the project. A cover note has been added to the relevant sections of the preferred infrastructure report to acknowledge that information related to the Port of Newcastle contained therein, has been superseded by an addendum to the preferred infrastructure report.

The site selection and construction criteria to guide the future selection of a loadout facility will be applied by Transport for NSW during further design development in consultation with a construction contractor, once engaged.

Please contact Jack McGovern at jack.mcgovern@transport.nsw.gov.au should you wish to discuss or clarify any issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Parris".

Doug Parris
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