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Dear Mr Snow

EIS for F6 Extension Stage 1 - Request for EPA Comment

I refer to the request from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 2 November 2018 to undertake a review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed F6 Extension Stage 1 project SSI 8931. Construction of the F6 Stage 1 appears to trigger the requirement for an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) under the Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

The EPA has reviewed the EIS and has a number of concerns in relation to the environmental assessment; further detail and assessment is required across a range of areas, including water, noise in relation to works proposed to be undertaken outside of standard construction hours, air quality, contamination and waste.

In relation to the assessment of air quality impacts from the proposed development, the EPA notes that, in early 2018, the NSW Government announced new procedures to inform evaluation of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for road tunnel projects. The changes include:

- A scientific review of the tunnel air emissions from ventilation outlets by the Advisory Committee on Tunnel Air Quality (ACTAQ), managed by the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer; and
- A statement by the NSW Chief Health Officer.

The ACTAQ review and Chief Health Officer statement have been completed and published concurrently with the F6 EIS. Given the Air Quality Technical Report has undergone detailed expert review by the ACTAQ, the EPA has focused its review on matters relevant to the EPA's expertise and regulatory remit:

1. The identification of project related air quality risks associated with the construction phase of the Project; and
2. The assessment of the operational phase including regulatory worst-case scenario, with a focus on assessment of emissions from ventilation outlets.

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The EPA's detailed comments and recommendations can be found in Attachment 1. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jacinta Hanemann, Regional Manager Operations - Metropolitan Infrastructure on 9995 6867 or at jJacinta.hanemann@epa.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "GHoward". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing 'G' and a cursive 'Howard'.

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