

26th November 2021
Ms Angela Stewart
Senior Planning Officer | Infrastructure Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Dear Ms Stewart,

By email to: angela.stewart@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Sydney Metro West | The Bays and Sydney CBD (SSI-19238057)

The Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust (the Trust) are responding to the Sydney Metro West Environmental Impact Statement – The Bays and Sydney CBD Stage 2, forming part of the Sydney Division 5.2 (formally Part 5.1) of the EP&A Act.³ Critical State Significant Infrastructure under Part 5

As a significant landowner adjacent and over the eastern construction site, the Trust has a particular interest in this development as it has the potential to impact the Domain and Garden. Therefore, we welcome the opportunity to comment on the EIS, and acknowledge the below following our discussions with the Sydney Metro Project Team on 16 November 2021:

- The stub tunnels to be built under the Domain will be tanked to prevent water ingress and maintain groundwater levels thereby reducing the likely impact on the Domain and Gardens and vegetation.
- Vibration is noted as being minimal due to the depth of the stub tunnels to 48 metres.
- Traffic management in the area is noted as being planned to take into account the significant events that take place in the Domain and that any works that may impact on the Domain will be communicated with the Trust so as to minimise any impact on Trust activities.
- The site-specific Construction Traffic Management Plans will be developed in consultation with stakeholders to ensure that all parking and traffic management measures have been identified and mitigation measures implemented.
- Dust and associated works are noted as being controlled to eliminate any impact on the sensitivity or the air quality for the Domain and Gardens.
- The works will result in the creation of a 6-meter zone of influence around the stub tunnels, but due to the depths of the tunnels this is not anticipated to impact any future works the Trust plans for the Domain.
- There will be no ventilation or extraction systems created on Trust lands as a result of the works as all extraction is planned to be managed through the stations.

- Geotech sampling will be required to be undertaken in the Domain, and access will be coordinated through the Trust with the clear requirement that vehicles accessing the space are cleared and decontaminated of any likely pathogens they may be tracking into the space.

No other potential issues for the Trust were apparent from the plans or reports; however, as a key stakeholder in the Sydney CBD, we would like to participate in the stakeholder consultation process where applicable and be notified of all project activities.

In dealings related to the relationship between Sydney Metro and the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Domain Trust, the undersigned will be in the role of Trust representative to the Project

Should you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact our Planning Project Manager, Louise Farley, on telephone number 4647 7957 or Email louise.farley@botanicgardens.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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