

Planning and Environment NSW - Submission against modifications to the CSELR.

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To whom it may concern,

At the community and business forum held Wednesday 10 December 14, Mr. Jeff Goodling gave a presentation regarding the 10 modifications he deemed to be important in the *CBD and South East Light Rail Modifications Report*. During the forum I pointed out to Mr. Goodling that he had failed to include in his presentation the 2m high height modification to the Doncaster Avenue Stabling Facility ground level. I asked Mr. Goodling to explain the need to increase the height of the stabling facility ground level, queried when the Doncaster Avenue community would be consulted regarding the design and asked if any noise or flood assessments for neighbouring properties had been undertaken. Mr. Goodling told me that he did not include the ground level height modification for the Stabling Facility in his presentation as he considered it to be a 'minor' modification. (I can assure you it is not a 'minor' modification to the residents of Doncaster Avenue) He started his response with an explanation of why LRVs use sand and explained that the sand silo was the only part of the stabling site that was going to be raised. It clearly states in the *CBD and South East Light Rail Modifications Report 3.12.2* "Ongoing refinement and development of the approved project has identified that up to two metres of ground fill will be required across the site to achieve the final ground levels." He failed to tell me when the Doncaster Ave community would be consulted and also failed to address the noise and flood implications. At the conclusion of the meeting, I spoke with Transport for NSW representative Ms Marianne McCabe to ask why the information Mr. Goodling had provided was inconsistent with the *CBD and South East Light Rail Modifications Report*. She told me she would speak with the design team and get back to me the following morning. She has not done so.

At the community forum held 19 August 14, Mr. Goodling promised the Randwick, Kensington and Kingsford communities that no work would be undertaken in our communities until after ANZAC Day 2015. The stabling facility site is now being used as an operations

base for the works in George Street. The Doncaster community was given 6 days notice and work is occurring through the night on Sunday and Monday nights.

Either Mr. Goodling does not know enough about the project to be answering questions at the community forums or he lied on both occasions. Both of which, I find extremely offensive.

Transport for NSW has failed to reasonably consult with the Doncaster Avenue community thus far.

- We have repeatedly requested design information for the site and asked to be included in the design for the acoustic wall/shed. Neither of which has eventuated. We were told that no designs exist and yet there are designs in Figures 3.29 and 3.30 of the *CBD and South East Light Rail Modifications Report*
- The Stabling Facility site is now being used as an overnight operations base for the works in George Street and the community was given 6 days notice.
- The Doncaster Avenue residents were not notified as to the existence of the *CBD and South East Light Rail Modifications Report* even though Transport for NSW has our email addresses and phone numbers on file. We were shocked and insulted to find out at the Community and Business forum that the community is being given 2 weeks to make a submission to Planning and Environment NSW regarding the modifications and one of those weeks had already passed. We were also informed that the PPP contract signing is scheduled to occur at the end of December 2014. Given that the end of the month is 2 weeks after the submission close date and Christmas is in between, I fail to see how Planning and Environment NSW and Transport for NSW will be able to assess and act upon the community submissions prior to the signing of the PPP contract.

Does Transport for NSW or Planning and Environment NSW care at all about the impact the Stabling Facility will have on the residents of Doncaster Avenue?

Raising the ground level of the Stabling Facility site will overshadow the houses in Doncaster Avenue. We will lose sunlight, easterly breezes and privacy, and potentially gain severe run-off water affects from the stabling facility. I demand to know

how the run off water will be dealt with and what erosion strategies have been considered.

The Planning and Environment determination *Schedule B* listed the following at B36:

(j) Compliance with the noise levels within the Industrial Noise Policy (inclusive of traffic movements generated by the facility), including details of noise mitigation measures.

Wilkinson Murray identified in the *CBD and South East Light Rail EIS Noise and Vibration assessment Independent Adequacy Review and Gap analysis* document: “The stabling yard proposed on the corner of Doncaster Avenue and Alison Road presents the highest risk with regard to noise impacts from this proposal. The stabling yard would be a 24-hour operation with various noise generating activities conducted throughout the night time...Therefore the approach taken has been to identify whether it is possible for a stabling facility at the Randwick location to be designed to comply with the INP goals. The assessment indicates it is possible for the facility to comply with the noise goals at all locations in all time periods, with the exception of 5 receiver points located in two buildings adjacent to the site exit road. The source of the exceedance at this location is staff cars (light vehicles) leaving the site, for example drivers leaving at the end of a shift.” I would argue that given the “exception of 5 receiver points located in two buildings adjacent to the site exit road” the site does not comply with the noise levels in the Industrial Noise Policy and therefore the site does not comply with the Planning and Environment NSW Determination approval conditions.

(k) No worsening of flooding impacts to adjoining residential areas and/or the Royal Randwick Racecourse as defined in condition 865;

Can the department assure the Doncaster Avenue community that we will not experience run-off flooding from the 2m high ground level above our houses?

I ask that you consider the implications the Stabling Facility will have for the Doncaster Avenue residents and implore you to reconsider the site location at the corner of Wansey Road and High Street.

The Stabling Facility will tower above the residents of Doncaster Avenue and detrimentally affect the enjoyment of our homes.

Sincerely

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