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Department of Planning & Environment
Transport Assessments
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Attention: Alexander Scott

MP07_0171 MOD 1 – HEXHAM TRAIN SUPPORT FACILITY – NOTICE OF EXHIBITION

Reference is made to Department of Planning and Environment's email dated 27 June 2019, requesting Roads and Maritime Services' (Roads and Maritime) requirements under Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

Roads and Maritime have reviewed the Detailed Environmental Assessment Report, prepared by Ethos Urban, dated 12 June 2019. It is understood that the proposal be for a modification to the approved and now fully constructed and operational Long Term Train Support Facility (LTTSF) by addition of the following components:

- Installation and operation of a new turning angle, including new rail tracks and level crossings comprising:
 - Excavation works for railway track foundation and ballast;
 - Approximately 1.5km of rail track and associated signal and turnout infrastructure comprising a single track straight of approximately 400m in length extending from the existing rail yard to the proposed turning angle;
 - A turning angle with two arcs approximately 250m in length and a straight of approximately 275m;
 - Two 85m straight single tracks at either end of the turning angle;
 - Four tangential turnouts; and
- Construction of vehicular access tracks and associated lighting;
- Installation of culverts within existing drainage channels, under the rail track and access tracks;
- Associated civil and stormwater works; and

- Changes to the wording of Condition E33.

Vehicular access is via the Tarro Interchange and a dedicated access road.

It is noted that a minor / temporary increase in traffic volumes (contractor vehicles and deliveries) is anticipated during the works and no additional demand for parking is expected. All traffic associated with the works will use the existing operational access off the Tarro Interchange. All works would be carried out in accordance with the existing Operational Traffic Management Plan.

Roads and Maritime Advice

Roads and Maritime recommends that the following matters should be considered:

- Roads and Maritime are currently developing a concept design for the proposed M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace. The investigations to date indicate that if the proposal proceeds, it may affect the Aurizon access road which connects directly to the existing Tarro Interchange. At this time the project has not been approved or secured construction funding. For further information, it is recommended to contact Project Development Manager, Brad Parkes via email at Bradley.Parkes@rms.nsw.gov.au.
- It is noted that Aurizon have raised their own safety concerns with accessing the site via the Tarro Interchange. It is recommended that Aurizon assess and address any safety concerns with this access.
- The property has a common boundary with the New England Highway (HW9) which has been declared as Controlled Access Road by notification in Government Gazette No 33 of 14/03/2008 Folio 2274. Direct access across this boundary is restricted.

Should you require further information please contact Kate Leonard, Development Assessment Officer, on 4908 7688 or by emailing development.hunter@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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