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**Attention:** Jess Fountain

Dear Mr. Groundwater

**University of Newcastle, Honeysuckle City Campus Stage 1A (SSD 9510)  
Notice of Exhibition**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 2 August 2019 requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) comment on the above State Significant Development (SSD) Application, currently on exhibition.

The development application seeks approval for the staged establishment and expansion of the University of Newcastle Honeysuckle City Campus, located adjacent to the Newcastle Light Rail. Stage 1A of the Honeysuckle City Campus includes a multistorey building to be used for academic and ancillary uses associated with the School of Creative Industries and Innovation Hub.

Stage 1A is the next step in delivering the vision for the Honeysuckle City Campus established under the Concept Plan (SSD 9262), which is currently in its final stages of assessment by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The Concept Plan proposes the establishment of building envelopes for seven (7) new buildings across the site, to be used for academic and ancillary uses, and student accommodation.

The relevant documents have been reviewed and the following comments provided:

- Relevant standards, including AS1428 (Design for access and mobility), Roads & Maritime Services guidelines and Austroads publications should be used to guide the design of pedestrian and bicycle paths and bicycle storage, parking and end of trip facilities.
- It is noted the construction management plan maintains pedestrian and bicycle rider movements along footways and cycleways at all times during construction activities. Should the development require closure to either facility, adequate safety and diversion measures should be put in place to limit time delay and detour distances.

**Future design iterations**

- Provide bicycle parking and end of trip facilities for pedestrian and bicycle riders in accordance with Newcastle City Council development control plans, standards and guideline documents.
- Locate bicycle facilities in secure, convenient, accessible areas close to the main entries incorporating adequate lighting and passive surveillance and in accordance with Austroads guidelines.
- Develop wayfinding strategies and travel access guides to assist with increasing the mode share of walking and cycling.

These comments, which have been expanded upon in **TAB A**.

In addition to the above, it is noted that as the development seeks consent for the concept proposal stage. Additional comments, including conditions of consent for the development, will be provided in future design iterations. As the development is adjacent to the Newcastle Light Rail, concurrence may also be required under Clause 86 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007*.

Please note for future reference, any further correspondence concerning this project should be sent to [development@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:development@transport.nsw.gov.au) referencing CD19/06339 in the subject line.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the above development application. Should you require clarification of any issue raised, please don't hesitate to contact Robert Rutledge, Principal Transport Planner, Land Use Planning and Development at [Robert.rutledge@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Robert.rutledge@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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## **TAB A**

### **Active Transport**

#### Comment

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) notes the development proposes to include bicycle storage, parking and end of trip facilities. As the development is still in the concept plan stage, the EIS does not contain details of the numbers and locations of these facilities, which should be specified in future design iterations.

It is also noted the pedestrian interface between campus access points and the broader pedestrian network should be designed to meet the Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 6A – Paths for Walking and Cycling. Other relevant standards and guidelines mentioned in the *Newcastle Development Control Plan 2012*, including AS1248 – Design for Access and Mobility, should also be considered.

#### Recommendation

Further design iterations of the development should specify the number, type, location of bicycle parking and end of trip facilities for students, staff and visitors in accordance with Austroads Guidelines. These facilities should be located in secure, convenient, accessible areas close to the main entries incorporating adequate lighting and passive surveillance.

It is noted the development is not required to comply with the *Newcastle Development Control Plan 2012*. It is recommended that pedestrian and cycle paths be designed to comply with relevant standards, including AS1428 (Design for access and mobility), Austroads publications and Roads & Maritime Services guidelines as appropriate.

### **Construction impacts**

#### Comment

The proposal is in close proximity to the Newcastle Light Rail and frequent bus routes along King Street. Due to this proximity, the construction phase of the development could have potential impacts on both the Light Rail (construction and operation) and bus route operations.

#### Recommendation

Further design iterations of the development should include a Construction Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan (CTPMP) to ensure construction stage impacts on the surrounding road network are mitigated. The CTPMP should demonstrate construction will not impinge on the operations of the bus or active transport network, ensuring pedestrian and bicycle rider movements along footways and cycleways are maintained at all times during construction activities.