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## **ATTENTION: - Director of Infrastructure – Development Assessment**

Dear Madam / Sir,

**RE: Impact Statement on the Kingsford Town Centre in relation to the NSW Government – “CBD and South East Rail Project”**

The following submission is made by the Kingsford Chambers of Commerce in response to the CBD and South East Rail Project, Environmental Impact Statement Overview November 2013.

The Kingsford Chamber of Commerce ( KCC) has received submissions from local businesses expressing major concerns on the impact of the light rail will have on the Kingsford Business Centre (KBC). The light rail project will require that there be two track for tram, in the centre of Anzac Parade and 2 lanes of vehicular traffic on either side of the tram tracks.

**The most detrimental impact that light rail will have on the Kingsford Business Centre is the loss of street parking.**

Some of the issues that have been raised area as follows;

1. ***Parking & Economic Impact*** The loss of street parking is the most detrimental impact that the light rail will have on the KBC. The flow on effect will be the potential loss in business and property value.

This is an issue that needs to answered and resolved before a decision can be finalised.

***Progress through cooperation.***

Street parking is dependent on the current and future longevity of business in this town centre. The majority of business in the KBC is reliant on passing trade, street access for deliveries, and access for short stay to medical centres, funeral parlours, newsagents, chemists, takeaway outlets and others. The current time period allocated to street parking and the diagrams shown in the traffic show that there is at least 50% occupancy of street parking throughout the day which is confirmation that this is an active street parking facility for businesses.

The removal of this parking will force patrons to find other surrounding suburbs that will offer this convenient facility.

The day and night restaurant trade is continuing to develop in the Kingsford centre and is just as reliant upon street parking as other commercial premises. The traffic study in EIS report shows that Anzac Parade and surrounding street are completely occupied at early evening periods.

Having car parking long distances away from the town centre creates other social impacts and concerns, most notable being safety and noise to surrounding residential precincts.

The parking issue is compounded with the second tram stop occupying car spaces which generally serviced South Juniors Leagues Club. This will put pressure back on the back streets and surrounding residential precincts.

## **2. *Light Rail –***

### ***a. Tram stops***

The tram stops need to be reviewed as the stops are far removed from the main business hub of Kingsford. The stop proposed at Strachan Street should be moved to Borrodale Road. This will ensure that all visitors are more central to the KBC.

### ***b. Overhead cables***

The KBC should be exempt from overhead lines with trams using battery operation through the centre

## **3. *Considerations***

- a. Consideration should be given to providing parking during off peak times and allow one lane traffic which could also share the tram lines.
- b. Identify and incorporate more angle parking in surrounding wider streets such as Houston Road and Meeks Street and streets similar to Harbourne Road which have oversized nature strips.
- c. The NSW government in conjunction with Randwick City Council should investigate the possibility of providing a multi-level car park facility which can provide an easy and convenient access to Anzac Parade.

- d. Consideration should be given to providing financial assistance during the construction phase of the works to assist in the loss of trade expected.

The EIS report identified matters relating to loss of parking in the Kingsford Town Centre. A solution has not been put forward. The question that the Chamber of Commerce is seeking is – how is the state government planning to address the parking issue and the social and economic impact created by the loss of parking to business in the Anzac Parade Commercial Town Centre?

The Kingsford Chamber of Commerce welcomes any opportunity to meet with the Government and or their representatives to discuss this issue matter further in order to reach a reasonable and understanding on the matters confronting the business community in Kingsford.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Schick', written in a cursive style.

**Peter Schick**

President

Kingsford Chamber of Commerce