

3 July 2020

Attention: Director, Transport Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Locked Bag 5022
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Strathfield Council submission on the Sydney Metro West Environmental Impact Statement (SSI-10038)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the exhibition of Sydney Metro West Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Strathfield Council supports the NSW Government's investment in significant new infrastructure projects such as the Sydney Metro West which is expected to renew urban environments along the metro corridor and significantly increase access to other parts of the city.

Council has considered the Concept and Stage 1 documentation and regrettably notes that no proposed metro stations are located within the Strathfield LGA, suggesting a limited level of direct impacts from future metro stations. It is however acknowledged that Strathfield Station has been identified as a major rail network and bus network interchange within the Concept documentation.

Strathfield Station will continue to play a vital role in the future public transportation network. However, the operational performance outcomes at Strathfield Station as a result of the Sydney Metro West have not been examined in the Environmental Impact Assessment. Council considers there to be a lack of information on the future operational performance outcomes of Sydney Metro West at Strathfield Station. Council considers there to be a firm need to consider any potential impacts on Strathfield Station to ensure the transport integration planning and other land use planning objectives are achieved.

Based on modelling results, the proposal appears to have a limited impact on the local road network as a result of the Stage 1 construction, in particular the construction of Sydney Olympic Park and North Strathfield stations. It is noted that some cumulative traffic impacts have not been considered at Sydney Olympic Park and North Strathfield stations due to information not publicly available. Council notes this issue may affect future road network performance.

With the recent infrastructure construction activities such as WestConnex, Council has been regularly approached by local residents raising concerns over the lack of parking supply in local streets. It is requested that Council be consulted in any future process involving necessary mitigations. Similarly, bus services including on-demand bus services and school bus routes, will likely be subject to increases in travel time. It is also requested that Strathfield Council be consulted in the process for necessary mitigations.

Strathfield Council appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the first stage of the Sydney Metro West proposal. Council seeks to work collaboratively as a key stakeholder with Sydney Metro to address these matters prior to any determination of the Concept and Stage 1 of the Sydney Metro West project by Department Planning Infrastructure and Environment.

Should you have questions regarding the above, please contact Council's Manager Traffic, Qian Liu on 9748 9999

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Clements', followed by a large checkmark.

Stephen Clements

Deputy CEO / General Manager Planning, Environment and Urban Services