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Dear Mr Shakir

**RE: WestConnex M4-M5 Link Project Amendment Report for MOD 2 (SSI 7485) –  
Exhibition - 2824**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the WestConnex M4-M5 Link Modification 2 – The Crescent overpass and active transport link amendment report – Exhibition 2824. Staff from the Sydney Local Health District Public Health Unit have reviewed the amendment report focussing on issues that may impact on human health. The comments provided below are contingent on confirmation by the NSW EPA that the methods and modelling employed to assess environmental impacts in the amendment report are appropriate.

We note that this submitted amendment report only describes the revised design changes and that the environmental assessment undertaken is only specific to those changes. Therefore, our comments included in this letter only refer to the proposed design changes described in this current amendment report and are additional to our previous comments made to the first Modification 2 report in September 2019, in particular in relation to noise and air quality impacts.

With regards to noise and vibration impacts, we are pleased to see that the new amendments are assessed as not negatively impacting on overall operational noise levels experienced at nearby receivers. We are also pleased that the construction noise and vibration impacts are assessed as similar to or slightly reduced by comparison to the assessment carried out in the original Modification 2 report. Further, we support the extension of the noise treatment zone to include additional receivers identified in the Modification report for out-of-hours construction works, in particular as this project occurs in an area that is likely to see a confluence of concurrent and consecutive projects.

With regards to air quality, we note that the amended design may result in a minor reduction in air quality impacts during the construction phase, and may have minor benefits in terms of vehicle emissions due to the reduced gradient of the overpass. We support any changes in design that reduce air quality impacts.

We refer you to the Sydney Local Health District guidelines Building Better Health, which can be found at: <https://www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/planning/pdf/BuildingBetterHealth.pdf>. We recommend that these guidelines are used as a reference when considering major development within the Sydney Local Health District.

Thank you for the consideration of our submission to the WestConnex M4-M5 Link project modification 2 amendment report. If you would like more information on any of the points raised in our submission, please contact Dr Isabel Hess, Staff Specialist, Public Health Unit on 02 9515 9420.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Dr Teresa Anderson

**Chief Executive**

Date 15-5-20