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NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
SYDNEY NSW

By email.

**Submission on Art Gallery of NSW (AGNSW) Expansion - Sydney Modern  
- Development Application**

The Transport Network of the NSW Division of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA NSW) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the above. PIA represents members with a depth of knowledge on urban, land use and transport planning.

PIA supports integrated land use and transport planning which acknowledges that transport and development are not two separate things but two facets of the same challenge (i.e. transport is land use planning). There should be an integrated planning and decision making framework that considers the cost effective and efficient and sustainable movement of people and freight, and a focus to reduce car dependency and subsequent emissions.

The planning and transport documents supporting the DA appear adequate to evaluate the transport impacts, but we are concerned that the transport aspirations are not ambitious enough. We contend that transport accessibility to AGNSW is a fundamental limitation on the use of this community asset because of the difficulty of getting to and from AGNSW. A similar distance from the city centre, the National Gallery of Victoria attracts much higher patronage because it is easy to find and easy to travel to by tram and train. Many world-city galleries are served by dedicated metro rail stations.

The current proposals for expanding the AGNSW fall short of rectifying this. The AGNSW will continue to be more than 10 minutes circuitous and ambiguously signposted walks from Sydney's CBD and public transport nodes: an uncomfortable and anxious journey, particularly on a wet day, a hot day, or after dark.

To help the AGNSW better achieve its visitation potential, we request further consideration of measures including:

- Improved shuttle bus services from the city to the AGNSW
- Improved walkways and signage and lighting and weather protection, including connections and extensions to the traveller from Hyde Park to the Domain Car Park.

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- Investigation of establishing an off-peak stop near the AGNW on the railway between Martin Place and Kings Cross, or as part of future rail lines.
- Other options as might be developed to link with light rail, metro, bus, and ferry systems – to arrive at AGNSW by ferry would be a world-class experience.

We encourage exploration of these measures to help AGNW and Sydney Modern expansion to reach its potential for all the citizens of NSW and its cultural role in supporting Sydney as a global city.

Yours Faithfully,

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