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Your Ref: SSD 15_6956

Mr Ben Lusher A/Director Key Site Assessments NSW Department of Planning & Environment GPO Box 39 | Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Mr Lusher

State Significant Development Application 15_6956 for Stage 1C Remediation and Earthworks, Barangaroo South

Thank you for the invitation to review and comment upon State Significant Development Application SSD 15_6956 for proposed Stage 1C Remediation and Earthworks at Barangaroo South. Comments for the application are:

EIS comments

- Section 3.63 refers to a 2015 opening of Wynyard Walk. The public opening date for Wynyard Walk is 2016, although it is understood the bridge is likely to open in 2015. The tunnel will not be open until next year.
- Section 6.1 refers to NSW 2021 State Plan. The State Plan was updated in September 2015 after the EIS was written.

Construction Traffic Management Plan comments

- Section 2.2 refers to pedestrian conditions. The Sussex Street/Hickson Road/Napoleon Street intersection also has pedestrian crossings on each leg of the intersection but has not been noted.
- Section 2.3 and Table 1 of the report has a November 2011 and July 2013 traffic volume comparison and notes a reduction in flows. The cruise passenger terminal stopped operating at Barangaroo on 1 April 2013 and obviously would likely have had an impact on traffic flows being reduced. Given how much change has happened at the site and the area around it recently, the 2011 and 2013 comparison should be updated.
- It is understood that site remediation in Hickson Road will commence in November 2015, not June 2016 as referenced in Table 2.

Roads and Maritime Services

- Section 3.2 identifies works external to Barangaroo which are then considered in section, 4.3.1, 4.3.3 and Figure 4 to assess cumulative traffic impacts. Other projects, developments and services to be considered or that have recently evolved, include those such as the Sydney Metro, the new bus services plan, Walsh Bay redevelopment, SICEEP, CBD and South East Light Rail, One Carrington Street, Overseas Passenger Terminal growth in operations amongst others. Additionally, site remediation of Hickson Road is proposed to commence shortly and will impact on available street capacity.
- Section 3.2 refers to a 2015 opening of Wynyard Walk. The public opening date for Wynyard Walk is 2016, although it is understood the bridge is likely to open in 2015. The tunnel will not be open until next year.
- Assessment or consideration of bus movements servicing Barangaroo and Walsh Bay from 4 October 2015 do not appear to have been made.
- Traffic flow capacity along Hickson Road will need to be maintained to meet the prevailing demands, particularly with the activation of Barangaroo South and traffic light operations at the intersection of Sussex Street/Hickson Road/Napoleon Street. It is highly likely that new traffic lights will be operating in Hickson Road at other intersections in future and the Hickson Road remediation works will potentially impact capacity. The impacts of these will need to be considered to ensure that impacts on access and Hickson Road operations can be suitably managed.
- Section 5.16 stipulates that traffic control at personnel controlled access points will be done so in accordance with Condition of Approval D4(c) of MP10_0023. This condition refers to a maximum of no more than six vehicles being queued at an access point. The dynamics of the network and area have changed considerably since this condition was written and it is not considered to be an appropriate impact any longer, particularly with traffic lights and through connecting roads in place in an operational Barangaroo South development. Queuing should not generally be permitted in Hickson Road. Further, it will not be possible to queue vehicles in Hickson Road when site remediation of Hickson Road is being undertaken as per SSD14 6617.

Yours faithfully,

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