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Dear Mr McManus

Curl Curl North Public School Redevelopment, Playfair Road, North Curl Curl (SSD 8310)

Notice of Exhibition

Thank you for your letter dated 25 August 2017 requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) comment on the State Significant Development Application.

Roads and Maritime Services will provide a separate response.

TfNSW has assessed the relevant Environmental Impact Statement documentation and provides the following comments on the State Significant Development:

- The removal of the children's crossing along Playfair Road should be considered by Northern Beaches Council and Roads and Maritime. It is anticipated that any removal of the crossing would require a road safety assessment.
- The proposed changes to the primary pedestrian access point on Abbott Road could result in the change to the desired pick-up and drop-off location from Playfair Road. The proponent should consider relocating existing or implement additional pick-up/drop-off zones.
- The existing bus zone should be relocated closer to the school frontage, southwards along Playfair Road in proximity to the secondary pedestrian entry (adjacent to the library).

Detailed comments, which expand on the above, can be found in **TAB A**. Suggested Conditions of Consent provided in **TAB B**.

If you require clarification of any issues raised above, please contact Ken Ho, Transport Planner on (02) 8202 2426 or via email at ken.ho@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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TAB A – Comments on State Significant Development Application

Removal of Children's Crossing

Comment

The proposal to remove the children's crossing along Playfair Road would need to be considered by Northern Beaches Council and Roads and Maritime. It is anticipated that any removal of the crossing would require a road safety assessment.

Pick-up/Drop-off and Bus Zones

Comment

The redevelopment of the school would result in the alteration of the primary pedestrian access point from Playfair Road to Abbott Road in conjunction with the change in the primary street frontage from Playfair Road to Abbott Road. Furthermore, staff car parking access would also change from Playfair Road to Abbott Road. Based on the provision of 17 staff parking spaces and demand for 70 parking spaces (76 staff with 93% vehicle driver mode share), it is likely that "spillover" staff parking would also impact Abbott Road.

In this regard, this could result in a change in the desired pick-up and drop-off location along Playfair Road (near the existing children's crossing) closer to the primary access point on Abbott Road. The change in desired pick-up/drop-off location would also be encouraged by the proposed removal of the children's crossing.

Recommendation

TfNSW advises that the proponent should consider relocating existing or implement additional pick-up/drop-off zones given the likely change in the desired pick-up/drop-off locations closer to the designated main pedestrian access and competing demands generated by staff parking along Abbott Road.

Furthermore, the existing bus zone should be relocated closer to the school frontage, southwards along Playfair Road in proximity to the secondary pedestrian entry (adjacent to the library).

TAB B – Recommended Conditions of Approval

TfNSW recommends that the DP&E include the following conditions should the proposed development be approved:

Road Safety Evaluation – Pick-up/Drop-off and Pedestrian Movements

Recommended Condition:

Prior to the issue of occupation certificate, a Road Safety Evaluation (RSE, refer to *NSW Centre for Road Safety Guidelines for Road Safety Audit Practices*) shall be undertaken of Playfair Road and Abbott Road and specifically evaluates the conditions during school pick-up/drop-off periods. Appropriate road safety measures shall be implemented based on the outcomes of the RSE in consultation with Northern Beaches Council.

Reason:

The traffic report identifies that one of the desired walking routes to the school, across Playfair Road, would be the crossing at the junction of Abbott Road and Playfair Road; adjacent to the roundabout. Noting the proposed changes to the primary pedestrian access point to the school, there is the potential for an increase in the volume of pedestrians crossing Playfair Road near the roundabout at Abbott Road.

Noting the proximity to the roundabout and the high concentration of pick-up/drop-off movements within a short period (85% of 418 AM peak arrivals occurring between 8:45am-9:09am and 85% of 329 PM peak departures occurring between 3:10pm-3:29pm), there is the potential that improvements may be required to address road safety risks for children crossing at this point. Any improvements could be identified based on the findings of a Road Safety Audit.

In addition to the above, there is the potential that the 90-degree parking spaces at the John Fisher Netball Courts would experience increased demand having regard for its proximity to the proposed primary pedestrian access point. The increased demand, quantity of in-out movements from these parking spaces and the presence of vulnerable road users would warrant the need to undertake a Road Safety Audit.