

Mr David Gibson Team Leader Social Infrastructure Assessments Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Attention: Peter McManus

Dear Mr Gibson

## Western Sydney Stadium Concept Proposal and Stage 1 Demolition (SSD 7534) Notice of Exhibition

Thank you for your letter dated 18 July 2016 requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) comment on the above.

Key comments are provided below and the remaining comments are included in TAB A.

# **Spectator Movements during Major Events**

### <u>Comment</u>

Transport and Accessibility Working Paper (Traffic Report) states that approximately 90-99% of the spectators arrive to the venue by walking. It is expected that the majority of these spectators would arrive by walking to the venue either after parking their cars on-street or from Parramatta Railway Station/bus interchange. With the increase in approximately 10,000 seating capacity at the Stadium, the pedestrian movements in the precinct will substantially increase during major events and may impact on general traffic and bus operation and pedestrians and cyclists safety in the Precinct in particular along O'Connell Street.

### **Recommendation**

It is requested that the applicant undertakes the following during the preparation of Stage 2 development application:

- A detailed spectators origin and destination assessment with details of on-street parking areas;
- An assessment of impacts on general traffic and bus operation and pedestrian and cyclists safety during major events; and
- Preparation of a draft Event Management Plan and a draft emergency response and evacuation plan.

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# Impact on Transport Operation

### <u>Comment</u>

Executive summary of the Traffic Report states that the stadium car park functions as pay-anddisplay commuter car park. The proposed development is expected to increase traffic movements along O'Connell Street during the commuter peak periods with the increase in car parking spaces from 340 to 500. No traffic analysis has been undertaken to assess the impacts of the increased parking for the proposed development on general traffic and bus operation adjacent to the Western Sydney Stadium.

### **Recommendation**

It is requested that the applicant:

- Assesses the traffic and transport impacts of the increased traffic generation associated with the increase in parking on site on the general traffic and bus operation adjacent to the Western Sydney Stadium in particular at the intersection of Victoria Road/O'Connell Street/Stadium access intersection; and
- Provides mitigation measures for the identified impacts (if any).

## Coaches and Taxis Parking and Pick up/ Drop off areas

#### <u>Comment</u>

No information is provided in the traffic report in relation to designated coaches and taxis parking and pick up/drop off areas for the Stadium. The applicant needs to estimate the demand for coaches and taxis for the operation of the stadium.

#### **Recommendation**

It is requested that the applicant be conditioned to provide coaches and taxis parking and pick up/ drop off areas on site.

### **Construction Traffic Management**

### <u>Comment</u>

The subject development application includes demolition of the Parramatta Stadium and Parramatta Swimming Centre. Several construction projects are likely to occur at the same time as this development within the Parramatta CBD. The cumulative increase in construction vehicle movements from these projects could have the potential to impact on general traffic and bus operations within the Parramatta CBD, as well as the safety of pedestrians and cyclists particularly during commuter peak periods.

#### Recommendation

It is requested that the applicant be conditioned to prepare a Construction Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan (CPTMP) in consultation with Roads and Maritime Services, City of Parramatta and TfNSW.

### **Conditions of Consent**

Suggested Conditions of Consent in relation to Construction Traffic Management and coaches and taxis parking and pick up/drop off areas are provided in **TAB B**.

TfNSW requests that the applicant consults with TfNSW in relation to issues identified in this letter. TfNSW would be pleased to consider any further material forwarded from the applicant.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the development application. If you require further clarification regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact Mark Ozinga, Principal Manager, Land Use Planning and Development on 8202 2198.

Yours sincerely

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# TAB A – Additional Comments on the Development Application

## Parramatta Light Rail

### <u>Comment</u>

It is noted that the Environmental Impact Statement makes several assumptions regarding the future Parramatta Light Rail route. TfNSW advises that TfNSW is currently assessing route options for Parramatta Light Rail, and the NSW Government is expected to announce the preferred alignment early in 2017. The traffic report states that a second separate application for the detailed design and subsequent construction and operation of the Western Sydney Stadium (Stage 2).

### Recommendation

It is recommended that that the Parramatta Light Rail project office is consulted during the preparation of the Transport and Accessibility Working Paper for Stage 2.

## Pedestrians and Cyclists

### Comment

The following comments are provided in relation to pedestrians and cyclists.

- The Parramatta Valley Cycleway runs behind the site, to Parramatta Park and the North Parramatta Transformation Precinct and this needs to be maintained during all stages of the project;
- With the increase in pedestrians to the new stadium, pedestrian facilities need to upgraded to safe and efficient pedestrian access to the stadium;
- The study area zone 2 should include bicycle networks as bike riding is also a transport choice to the stadium; and
- Figure 11 of the Traffic Report does not show the full walking and cycling network in this area.

### Recommendation

It is requested that the applicant:

- Provides and maintains the connectivity, safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicycle riders to existing pedestrian and bicycle networks, and public transport, during demolition and construction;
- Develops way finding strategies and travel access guides to assist access during and post demolition and construction to increase the mode share of walking and cycling;
- Replaces the current shared path along both sides of O'Connell St with a dedicated separated on road cycle facility so that pedestrians are separated from bicycles using this route;
- Installs secure bicycle parking and end of trip facilities for staff at the site rather than bike lockers and provides designs which show how these areas will be accessed; and
- Updates walking and cycling network in this area in consultation with City of Parramatta.

# Event Management and Emergency Response/Evacuation

## <u>Comment</u>

The Traffic Report states that a second separate application for the detailed design and subsequent construction and operation of the Western Sydney Stadium (Stage 2).

#### Recommendation

It is requested that the applicant prepares the following as part of the Stage 2 development application:

- A draft Event Management Plan that includes management of traffic, parking, cyclists and pedestrians during major events within the Western Sydney Stadium Precinct and the road network located adjacent to the Western Sydney Stadium; and
- A draft emergency response and evacuation plan for the stadium addressing issues of public and crowd safety and behaviour management plan.

# **TAB B – Suggested Conditions of Consent**

## **Construction Pedestrian and Traffic Management**

TfNSW requests that the applicant be conditioned to the following:

- Prepare a Construction Pedestrian and Traffic Management Plan (CPTMP) in consultation with Roads and Maritime Services, City of Parramatta and TfNSW. The CPTMP needs to specify, but not limited to, the following:
  - Location of the proposed work zone;
  - o Haulage routes;
  - Construction vehicle access arrangements;
  - Proposed construction hours;
  - Estimated number of construction vehicle movements;
  - Construction program;
  - Consultation strategy for liaison with surrounding stakeholders;
  - Any potential impacts to general traffic, cyclists, pedestrians and bus services within the vicinity of the site from construction vehicles during the construction of the proposed works;
  - Cumulative construction impacts of projects. Existing CPTMPs for developments within or around the development site should be referenced in the CPTMP to ensure that coordination of work activities are managed to minimise impacts on the road network; and
  - Mitigation measures. Should any impacts be identified, the duration of the impacts and measures proposed to mitigate any associated general traffic, public transport, pedestrian and cyclist impacts should be clearly identified and included in the CPTMP.
- Submit a copy of the final plan to City of Parramatta for endorsement, prior to the commencement of any work.

# Coaches and Taxis Parking and Pick up/ Drop off areas

TfNSW requests that the applicant be conditioned to the following:

• The applicant shall estimate the demand for coaches and taxis for the operation of the stadium and to provide coaches and taxis parking and pick up/ drop off areas on site to meet the demand.