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Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Attention: Glenn Snow, Director Transport Assessment

**SYDNEY METRO CITY AND SOUTH WEST (SYDENHAM TO BANKSTOWN) –
PREFERRED INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT – APPLICATION NO. SSI 17_8256**

Dear Mr Snow,

I refer to the above report (“the PIR”), and your letter dated 10 July 2018 permitting an extension for Council’s submission.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24th July 2018, Council endorsed its submission on the PIR (**Attachment A**).

While Council is generally supportive of a new Metro service to provide improved public transport, ***Council is strongly opposed to the design proposed in the PIR.***

The key issues outlined in Council’s submission are:

1. The project proposes a significant reduction in scope and investment in the Southwest corridor;
2. The proposed design for Bankstown Station is extremely inadequate for a Strategic Centre and for a Health and Education Precinct;
3. The proposed design for Campsie Station is inadequate for a Strategic Centre;
4. The project lacks any improvements to station precincts;
5. The Active Transport Corridor is proposed to be deleted;
6. No improvement to cross-corridor connectivity is proposed;
7. The project lacks station design excellence;
8. There will be negative impacts on customer safety and convenience with the proposed design;
9. The project is inconsistent with key NSW Government policies on design, transport and planning;
10. The proposed review processes are unsatisfactory; and
11. There are a number of station-specific issues and questions.

With regard to policy compliance the project is not consistent with the NSW Government’s *Better Placed* design policy, the SEARS (Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements) relating to place-making and the design objectives set out in

the EIS. The project does not respond to the vision and priorities for Bankstown as set out in the *Greater Sydney Region Plan*, the *South District Plan* and *Future Transport 2056*. The project also ignores the *South District Plan* priority action to implement the 'Green Grid Priority Corridor' which is intended to integrate walking, cycling, open space and biodiversity outcomes along the Sydenham to Bankstown rail corridor. The project has not been referred to the NSW State Design Review Panel, despite the project meeting the requirements of the Panel's terms of reference.

In addition to the issues raised in this submission, the issues outlined in Council's previous detailed submission on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) dated December 2017 have not been satisfactorily addressed in the PIR and remain relevant to the current assessment. The EIS submission is re-submitted and forms part of this submission on the PIR (**Attachment B**).

Council believes that the extent of the issues with the current proposal cannot be adequately addressed through conditions of approval and that Sydney Metro should be required to submit a revised design for assessment.

Council requests a meeting with the Department of Planning and Environment to discuss the issues and recommendations in our submission and the next steps moving forward. In this regard please liaise with Valerie Giammarco, Manager City Design to coordinate a suitable time (E: valerie.giammarco@cbc.city.nsw.gov.au T: 9707 9053).

Yours Sincerely



Valerie Giammarco
Manager City Design

Attachment A: Council's Submission on the Sydenham to Bankstown Preferred Infrastructure Report.

Attachment B: Council's Submission on the Sydenham to Bankstown Environmental Impact Statement.