



the infants' home
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

2 November 2015

Brent Divine
Senior Planning Officer
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39,
Sydney NSW 2001.

Re: The Infants' Home response – EIS WestConnex

Dear Mr Devine,

The Infants' Home is one of Sydney's oldest charitable organisation operating from Ashfield. Our history spans 140 years of innovation; championing the rights of children and families, protecting children at risk, and strengthening families towards positive futures. We support over 2,200 children and families with 30% of our services targeted to children with vulnerabilities or complex health needs.

The Infants' Home is a leading provider and the only integrated service hub of its kind in NSW providing early childhood education, early intervention and clinical services for children, families and the inner west community.

Our mission to provide each child every opportunity and affect positive change by:

- Providing high quality, evidence-based services
- Focusing on disadvantaged children and families
- Addressing social justice and inequality
- Building partnerships for societal change.

The Infants' Home site, some of our buildings and all of our landscape is heritage listed.

The proposed WestConnex junction at Haberfield is less than 300m from our location and we anticipate a significant impact on our operation during construction and commissioning of the project.

We have engaged Macken Strategic Planning to provide us with advice and support and are pleased to submit our response to the EIS.

We look forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively to ensure that our children, families and the local community interests and concerns are best addressed.

If you require any additional information or have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0414 395 824.

Yours Sincerely

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- Parent Support Programs
- Early Intervention Programs
- Infant Feeding and Settling Clinic (Sydney Hope Family Cottage)
- Family Day Care
- Learning and Development Centres (Long Day Care)

Under the provision of sub paragraph 78(4) Item 4.1.1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, donations of \$2.00 and upwards are allowable deductions