

Attention Director
Infrastructure Projects, Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
Application number SSI 6307
GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

All comments in this submission pertain to the Concord Road interchange and the associated construction sites and their effect on 74 concord road unless otherwise noted.

RE: Design of Concord Interchange

The current proposed design requires extensive tunnelling and road works that require significant amounts of land to be acquired to facilitate the large footprint, and massive impact on local residents and communities. In 2003 to original proposed option and the option that went to tender, proposed the M4 be extended, not duplicated. This change has also then required massive interchange works at Concord road to provide access to the new tunnel locations.

I believe that the existing corridor has been designed to facilitate expansion between Home Bush Bay road and Concord road. There is significant corridor space that is currently unused, and the termination at Concord road appears to have been originally designed to run directly into tunnels (refer to the 2003 tunnels plan). This option would remove a significant amount of tunnelling required from Home Bush Bay road to Concord road, and the additional lanes and associated traffic could be carried within the existing corridor. This option would have significant savings in property acquisitions and construction, negating the property acquisitions and construction difficulties in the original proposal.

In addition I request the entry and exit points at Concord road could still be upgraded in accordance with the original tender proposal plan, to improve existing infrastructure to improve flow and access.

I would like to see business case justifications for abandoning the tender plans to design a significantly different and more expensive alternative. These are dealt with very superficially in the EIS.

In summary I request that no approval for the project be issued until an appropriate Cost benefit analysis and health effects of the existing proposal as compared to the original plan and making no changes is made available for public comment.

Yours Sincerely

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