



## **CASTLE HILL PLAYERS Inc.**

### **SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO NORTH WEST RAIL LINK EIS 2**

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**Application No. SSI-5414**

**ATTENTION: Director, Infrastructure Projects**

The plan for the Showground Station as outlined in the EIS 2 is to be commended for its minimisation of adverse impact on the Castle Hill Showground, and The Pavilion Theatre in particular. The increased number of road access points and the re location of the station adjacent to Carrington Ave are positive aspects. However from March next the Castle Hill Players will begin planning for the 2014 Pavilion Theatre season and the uncertainty of the future hinders the motivation of members and the allocation of funds and human resources to future projects.

Our main concerns are the provision of unhindered access to the Showground during construction, noise from trucks and construction, and the potential for construction workers' parking competing with general public parking around showground facilities.(such as The Pavilion Theatre)

## **Re Access**

1. It is absolutely vital that a satisfactory plan is made as soon as possible for access to the Showground once Doran Drive is closed.
2. We would support the new entrance via Showground Road. We expect this will be the route (shared with construction traffic) by which all Showground users will access the Showground until Doran Drive is reopened.
3. Alternately, the new Carrington Rd entrance near Cattai Creek, if this could be completed first and continued into the lower part of the Showground prior to tunnelling, would provide access for Showground users.

## **Re Noise**

There is no mention of noise impacts on our theatre in this report. Noise is a major issue to theatre performances and we would like a clear explanation of our exposure (if any) to construction and truck noise. The Pavilion Theatre is an old building and not soundproofed. Our performances are usually in the evenings, but there are also some daytime performances at the weekend.

## **Re Parking**

We would appreciate efforts to keep all construction traffic, including the parking of workers' vehicles, well away from Showground parking areas and buildings especially. During busy periods parking is already difficult around the Pavilion Theatre with competition from other Showground users. We have a large number of older patrons and close parking to our theatre assists their continuing attendance.

The current plan for the Showground Station we believe will provide an asset to the area and will be of long term benefit to the Castle Hill Showground itself provided all necessary steps are taken to provide for the current and future users and attenders of The Pavilion Theatre and other Showground functions.

I, Stephen Snars, President Castle Hill Players Inc. on behalf of the membership and Management Committee, would like to express support for this current proposal.

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