

2 December 2012

North West Rail Link

Re: Environmental Impact Statement 2

Referring to my previous submission for the North West Rail Link, Environmental Impact Statement 1, I am still opposed to the Cheltenham Service facility being located at Cheltenham Oval. The issues raised in my first response are still valid. Beecroft Scout Hall is closer to the half way mark between Epping and Cherrybrook Stations and is by far the preferred location for the service facility.

I have attended the community information session at Cherrybrook, viewed the drawings and discussed my concerns with the North West Rail Link staff.

I am pleased that the North West Rail Link staff have taken into consideration the concerns and issues raised by the residents that are affected by the Cheltenham service facility. In particular I am happy with the following:

- That the service facility is incorporated with the sporting facility storage, canteen and toilet block. I believe that this would have less impact on residential houses along Castle Howard Road and avoid graffiti etc.
- That the service/sporting facility is single story.
- That the rail tunnel has been relocated to the middle of Cheltenham Oval, further away from the houses on Castle Howard Road.
- That Murray Road Easement will not be used as a service road and that the removal of trees will not occur.
- That the trees behind the four houses next to the netball courts will remain.
- That the roadway built between Kirkham Street and the netball courts will be replanted at the completion of the service facility.
- That Castle Howard Road will not be widened and the width will remain as is.
- That work on the service facility will only occur during daylight hours and no works will be carried out in the evening.

I am concerned and opposed to the following:

- The Cheltenham service facility being located at Cheltenham Oval as outlined in my first EIS submission.
- The destruction of trees for the service road between Kirkham and Netball Courts. The North West Rail Link should continue to get access for trucks from the M2 and avoid destroying large trees and vegetation.
- The removal of the island and four trees on Castle Howard Road. These trees should be saved if possible.
- In case of an emergency, Castle Howard Road should be avoided and access for emergency vehicles should be from the M2.

- During construction all measures should be taken to avoid dust impacting the residents on Castle Howard Road.
- Castle Howard Road is narrow with no pedestrian pathways. During the construction period light vehicles will be accessing Castle Howard Road. The speed on Castle Howard Road should be reduced during the construction period.
- Cheltenham Oval should remain open during the construction period.
- Night work should be avoided and banned.
- The trains from Hornsby to the City should remain as straight runs. I have heard that there is a possibility that residents on the existing Northern line will have to change at Epping and then Chatswood to get to the City. This would involve 3 trains and should be avoided.

I would appreciate it if you could contact me if there are any significant changes to the Cheltenham Service Facility.

Regards

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