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Slow Food Convivium

Re Northwest Rail Link Environmental Impact Statement 2.

The Director, Major Assessments
Department of Planning and Infrastructure.
GPO Box 39, Sydney, NSW 2001

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Impact Statement No2 and in particular at site for the Castle Hill Showground Station.

Background on Hawkesbury Harvest.

Hawkesbury Harvest is a not for profit, community incorporated association who have been operating a Farmers and Fine Food Markets on the Castle Hill Showground for nearly 10 years. (8am – 12 noon). The market is located in the Harvey Low Pavilion and adjacent grass area almost opposite Gilbert Road and alongside Showground Road.

Our Farmers and Fine Food Market operates twice per month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. It attracts 3500 customers on the 2nd Saturday and 2500 customers on the 4th Saturday. (the 4th Saturday Market has only been operating for 18 months). The Farmers Market generates approximately \$6.9m in turnover per annum.

EIS 2.

Hawkesbury Harvest would like to thank you for listening to our concerns about access and egress to the Showground so that the operations of the Farmers and Fine Food Market can continue after the completion of the project. The suggested access and egress that you have planned on completion will allow the Farmers Market to operate effectively.

Construction.

Hawkesbury Harvest does still have concerns for the effectiveness of the Farmers Market during the construction period. These concerns are again around access and egress. We need to ensure that customers can have a great experience with too much trouble getting in and out of the site.

We again invite you to continue to engage Hawkesbury Harvest in the design for access and egress to the showground with respect to the construction period. We also thank you for listening to our concerns during the EIS 1 and EIS 2 period.

Hawkesbury Harvest are very pleased with our already consultation by your staff in getting to this point.
(Katherine Martin, Place Manager)

Regards

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