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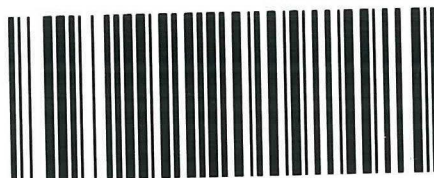
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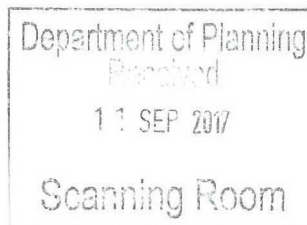


Director, Transport Assessments
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Sir or Madam,



PCU072283



Re: **Parramatta Light Rail**
Application number SSI 17-8285
Strata Plan 21880
Specialist Medical Centre, 151-155 Hawkesbury Road, WESTMEAD NSW 2145

Further to our Strata meeting this week, I am writing to respond to the above proposal.

I think the concept of a light rail serving the Westmead precinct is an excellent one, although it is disappointing that the scope of the project in terms of the route appears so limited – personally I cannot see myself ever using the service, especially as it does not link to Parramatta. Perhaps the service should actually run to Parramatta or be renamed the Westmead Light Rail service?

Be that as it may, I would like to comment on the issues below:

1. Location of the **Westmead Light Rail Station**. It seems bizarre that the indicated location has been chosen, on the South side of Hawkesbury Road, requiring considerable disruption to our building, the purchase of some of our common property and the outright purchase of several other adjacent buildings when there is currently **vacant land directly opposite on the other North side of the same road**. This would seem a much easier and more logical location for the Westmead Light Rail station, with the additional benefit of facilitation of use of the service by UWS students and girls attending Catherine McAuley High School.
2. The indicative plan of the Westmead Light Rail Station that appears in the Westmead Fact Sheet dated August 2017 appears **inaccurate and not to scale**, with insufficient detail to assess the full impact on our property. There would seem inadequate space to allow for two platforms, a siding and a five lane road as shown, whilst maintaining a

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- pedestrian pathway for the South side of Hawkesbury Road and access via a foyer to my building.
3. The proximity of the service to my building, whilst difficult to assess based on the supplied plans, would be likely to create **considerable additional noise and vibration**. This would preclude, at least to some degree, the use of our building as a medical centre, given the sensitive nature of some of the equipment used and the need for a sufficiently quiet environment to assess some physical signs in patients.
 4. I note that there is also a proposal for a substation adjacent to my property. This would appear a major concern given the exclusive medical use of our building, with sensitive medical equipment and the need for **appropriate shielding and electromechanical isolation**.
 5. Given that the parking to our building can only be access via Ashley Lane, it would seem that the current location of the Westmead Light Rail Station and track would **further restrict access**, both during construction (and subsequently when in full use) as a result of the increased number of pedestrians between Westmead Railway Station and the Light Rail Station, in the area generally together with service vehicles for the Station and electrical substation.

I would urge Transport for NSW to reconsider their proposal and not miss the opportunity for sensible improvement by relocating the Westmead Light Rail Station and electrical substation on the North side of Hawkesbury Road.

Yours faithfully,

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