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Dear Glenn,

**Parramatta Light Rail (Stage 1), Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) -
Westmead to Camellia**

UrbanGrowth Development Corporation (UGDC) supports the Parramatta Light Rail (PLR) project which runs through UGDC's Parramatta North Growth Centre (PNGC) with a "whole-of-government" approach as explained below.

As background, a Public Domain Development Application (DA1) for PNGC is currently under assessment by the City of Parramatta Council (DA1124/2016) as PNGC has completed rezoning and DCP statutory processes and now seeks to start building roads, parks, prepare sub-division lots for future redevelopment (including demolition) and restore critical heritage buildings situated in a significant cluster dating from convict times through to 20th Century. These buildings currently operate as sensitive mental health services within the Cumberland Hospital which will be sequentially moved within the PNGC program.

Initial works for PNGC include creating a new access point to the site (Dunlop Street extension). Doing this provides an alternative access to the site for Health Staff and enables Greenup Drive to be reconstructed.

PNGC Public Domain and PLR works will need to be carefully coordinated as these projects will most likely be constructed within the same time period. Thus TfNSW, and UGDC have been working closely together to achieve a "whole-of-government" outcome bringing specific focus to, and coordinating activities along, the proposed light rail route.

In reviewing the EIS documentation, we wish to highlight the following aspects which are important for delivering both projects:

1. Inter-dependency and Coordination

- PNGC DA1 seeks (amongst other things) approval for demolition of buildings, PLR construction is currently dependent upon the UGDC Approval to demolish buildings affected by the PLR corridor.

- UGDC propose to deliver as part of DA1 major utilities infrastructure works, some of which would be transverse to, and in some areas run parallel to the "hazard zone" and within the PLR corridor. To ensure a coordinated approach to delivery of essential infrastructure works, future proofing for future utilities including design and construction coordination will be important.

Proposed Action: *TfNSW incorporate into their activities two key elements required to enable PLR works and operations including:*

1. *demolition of buildings required for delivery of the PLR; and*
2. *future proofing / space provisioning and delivery coordination for utilities that will cross or run parallel with the PLR corridor,*


2. Design Outcomes

- We are confident that the NSW Government's vision for the Parramatta North precinct will be achieved by working with PLR team in the Development Agreement for PNGC and via the PLR team's work with City of Parramatta Council to create an agreed set of Urban Design Requirements that define the desired place-making outcomes.

The PNGC project team and the PLR team worked well together during the PLR route selection phase. UGDC will continue to work with TfNSW following the approval of the Light Rail project to ensure that Light Rail and PNGC project construction, access and site operations are coordinated.

UGDC are happy to provide a briefing on the PNGC program if that would assist broader understanding of the PNGC project.

Yours sincerely,


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