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Att: Director – Infrastructure Projects
Department of Planning & Environment
Application Number – SSI 13_6136
Major Projects Assessment
GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Re: NorthConnex – Trelawney Street tunnel support facility

My family & I live in close proximity to the proposed Trelawney Street tunnel support facility, and like many other households in Thornleigh and Normanhurst, rely heavily on Loch Maree Avenue to access Pennant Hills Road. While we are supportive of the tunnel project and the benefits it will bring to the local community, we are concerned about the impact on access and amenity for local residents due to heavy vehicles accessing the Trelawney Street tunnel support facility during the construction of the tunnel.

In particular I am concerned that not enough thought and planning has gone into traffic management at the intersection of Pennant Hills Road and Loch Maree Avenue. As this project will take several years, I believe the following issues need to be addressed prior to construction:

1. I do not believe that trucks on Pennant Hills Road will be able to turn left into Loch Maree Avenue from the kerbside lane without crossing over to the wrong side of Loch Maree Avenue. This means that if a vehicle is waiting to turn right or go straight out of Loch Maree Avenue, a truck will not be able to turn left into Loch Maree Avenue. A swept path analysis should be carried out to determine whether trucks are able to turn left into Loch Maree Avenue. I have been informed that tipper trucks with a bogey, as well as concrete trucks will be accessing the site.

Given the number of trucks proposed to be accessing the site on a daily basis, and traffic volumes on Pennant Hills Road, it would not be feasible for trucks to be turning left into Loch Maree Avenue from the middle lane of Pennant Hills Road. Consideration should be given to altering the kerb return to allow for such trucks to be able to turn left into Loch Maree Avenue without encroaching onto other traffic lanes. I don't see why this can't be done as the land on that corner is now owned by RMS & NorthConnex. It would also be an opportunity to install a pram ramp at that intersection for pedestrians to cross, as at present there isn't one.

2. I am concerned that the number of exit lanes from Loch Maree Avenue onto Pennant Hills Road will be reduced from 2 lanes down to 1 to accommodate truck turning movements. This would not be acceptable as it would lead to extensive delays and queuing for the many

changes, and local residents will be stuck with consequences for the several years that it takes to construct the tunnel. We feel that 570 trucks a day turning into Loch Maree Avenue, 6 days a week for 3 years will severely impact access and amenity for local residents.

Regards

Michael Foscett