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Department of Planning and the Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Project No. SSI 6148

As one of over 200 businesses based in Sydney Olympic Park, and one of the main drivers of visitation to the Park, we would like to make a submission with regards to the recently released *WestConnex M4 Widening Environmental Impact Statement*.

Whilst we support the construction of the WestConnex Motorway on the basis that it will be a transformational piece of infrastructure for New South Wales, and for the first time connect the east and west of the city, we are very disappointed and have major concerns that an off-ramp from the Motorway onto Hill Road for those travelling west is not part of the project.

The construction of an off-ramp onto Hill Road would negate the need for users wanting to access Sydney Olympic Park to exit the Motorway at Homebush Bay Drive thus alleviating congestion at the Australia Avenue roundabout. An off-ramp onto Hill Road would provide a much more direct and efficient way for people to access the park and compliment the two on-ramps that have currently been committed to.

While not being an issue directly linked to the WestConnex project, another major area of concern is the roundabout at Australia Avenue which is currently the main gateway for traffic in and out of Sydney Olympic Park. To our knowledge there are no firm plans or funding earmarked to upgrade the roundabout. As the roundabout is unable to handle the current large volume of traffic, it definitely does not have the capacity to support the additional traffic that will be generated by the WestConnex Motorway or the anticipated increased population of the precinct over the next 5-10 years. The roundabout is a constant source of negative feedback from the 1.6 million patrons that come to the park annually to see events at ANZ Stadium.

In conclusion, we look forward to your feedback on these specific issues. Sydney Olympic Park is long overdue for infrastructure improvements given its proven track record in contributing to the economic growth of the state.

Yours sincerely
ANZ Stadium



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