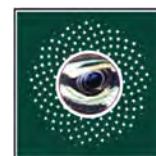


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M4-East-Widening EIS I Public Display Response — Landscape Matters [Class: Statutory]

To: **NSW Dept of Planning & Environment — Major Projects Assessments — "Westconnex M4 Widening"**

The NSWG EIS project proposal of an "M4-East-Widening" (M4EW) is a justifiable and worthwhile development; without referring to NSWG policy for a 'WESTCONNEX'—yet to be defined by appraisal of options—East of Homebush Bay Drive.

The M4EW landscape matters are expertly described within the limits of the EIS project corridor. (Ref: EIS-WP-Appx-F.)

The M4EW EIS does not address the global whole of a motorway landscape experience within context of its M4 corridor.
This has implications for associated works that ought to be conducted by RMS + Infrastructure NSW for a beautiful corridor.

M4 MOTORWAY:

A. M4—WEST; WEST OF PARRAMATTA — SOUTH OF BLACKTOWN & PENRITH — TO — LAPSTONE, BLUE MOUNTAINS

Key points

- This major part of the whole M4 corridor joins Sydney across its great western plain and flood plains into the foothills.
- All of its remnant landscape character is highly variegated and retains a general semblance of once natural condition.
- A public, visual language of landscape maintenance is variegated too; as too has sprung a dissembly of advertising.
- A major thought ought to be considered that would lead to enhancing the tourism/commuter/travel benefits for viewers.
- One-days gift-of-revenue* from the first toll-week on the M4EW ought to afford a landscape upgrade to M4-WEST.

*A One-week gift-of-revenue from the M4EW ought to be sufficient for a Landscape Management Plan and maintenance for at least a 5-year period.

It can be an ideal opportunity for NSW-RMS to display the best practice of its QA process for landscape development.

B. M4—EAST (EAST-TRANSITION); EAST OF HOMEBUSH BAY DVE — LINKS TO (A) WESTCONNEX* & ALL-OPTIONS — LINKS TO (B) PARRAMATTA ROAD UPGRADE — LINKS TO (C) OTHER LOCAL ROUTE ROADS

Key points

- This minor—but important—part of whole M4 corridor, links the M4 majority (@ Homebush Bay Drive) to the EAST;
(a) to/from Parramatta Road; (ii) to/from Concord Road & Other Local Route Roads; and (iii) WestConnector-Options.
- No known absolute plans are known for short-term upgrading of this "M4—East-Transition" Key corridor-zone.
- The "M4—East-Transition" is a 'key' corridor-zone, it is designed as four-lanes to 'funnel' traffic-speed up/down.
- Once a future decision is made about the Westconnex proposal this "M4—East-Transition" Key-zone may alter.
- In the meantime, this important "M4—East-Transition" Key-zone can benefit from a plan of landscape management.
- Aboriginal significance is layered into its landscape design of a Sacred GyMEA Lilies garden built for Olympics 2000.
Key Aboriginal cultural motifs are the GyMEA Lilies—which are neglected—and its wavy, serpentine garden-margin.
- Re-beautification of the "M4—East-Transition" Key-zone and Aboriginal Culture landscape ought to be well maintained.

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My observations are humbly offered. May they be duly considered for the benefit of an M4 community of viewer-users.

Kind regards

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