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Dear Mr Haddad

North West Rail Link Concept Plan Modification and Major Civil Works Applications

BP Australia is a supporter of major infrastructure projects such as the North West Rail Link project and welcomes its construction and the potential public benefits it may bring.

It is also important that reasonable measures are taken to cushion the impacts of such proposals on local businesses. BP has a direct interest in this project due to the fact that the proposed Concept Plan modifications now bring the rail alignment immediately adjacent to BP's Bella Vista site. We have engaged planning and traffic specialists to investigate the potential impacts of the proposal (Walsh Consulting and GTA Consultants respectively). This analysis has raised some points which are of concern to us. We commend these two expert submissions for your consideration and look forward to receiving advice in response to the points raised.

A key point is in regard to the direct effects of the proposal on traffic accessibility to our site. The reports suggest that there is a need for continuing dialogue on this if undertakings contained in the EIS are to be delivered. We also think this is appropriate and would welcome your contact or that of Transport for NSW to advance this issue.

A related point of interest is that the accessway which BP may lose with the project (and currently intended as a dedicated construction accessway into the Bella Vista station site) remains currently under private ownership which is shared by BP as part of common property. We would expect of course that there would need to be agreement from BP before this land became available to the project.

We would look forward to your attention to the above and our accompanying technical submissions and await your considered response.

Yours sincerely

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