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The Director Major Assessments Department of Planning and Infrastructure GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

<u>Submission Regarding EIS Stage 1 Major Civil Construction Works</u> <u>Northwest Rail Link</u> <u>Bell Vista Railway Station</u> SS1 -5100

We represent the residents and businesses by way of the Bella Vista Railway Station Committee. Please find below submission regarding *Environmental Impact Statement* 1 - North West Rail Link (referred to from heron as "EIS").

1.0 Introduction

Our names are Richard and Yanett Maurice. We live at 3 Millhouse Close Bella Vista. Residents and businesses within the surrounding area are extremely concerned with the ramifications of the construction of the new Northwest Rail Link, especially with respect to the construction of the Bella Vista Railway Station. Attached to this submission is a signed petition with signatures of all the constituents who support our claims.

2.0 Consultation Regarding Location of Bella Vista Railway Station

2.1 Discussion

The original concept layout was issued for community consultation prior to December 2011. This layout showed the route of the new northwest rail link in concert with 6 railway stations. The Bella Vista Railway Station was not one of these.

As part of the community consultation we were made aware that 2 railway stations were added to the route, namely Cudgegong Road and Bella Vista.

It seems that there has been a complete absence of consultation with the residents that live adjacent to the Bella Vista Railway Station.

It is our opinion that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has completely negated their legal obligation by relaxing their procedures for due diligence regarding consulting individuals that are most affected as a consequence of the construction of this new railway station.

2.2 Demand

We demand that the North West Rail Link, undertakes extensive community consultation regarding the location of the new railway station located at Bella Vista with affected adjacent residents.

3.0 Bypassing Concept Design and EIS for the Route and Location of Bella Vista Railway Station

3.1 Discussion

It is our belief that the current methodology adopted by North West Rail Link of undertaking an EIS for the Major Construction Works prior to that of the route layout and station location is contrary to NSW State Government requirements.

We are being "railroaded", to accept the presumption that the correct outcome will be reached as a result of the following EIS. This outcome being the location of the new Bella Vista Railway Station.

It seems that there are several possible options, to relocate the railway station which have not been seriously considered. This includes having the station closer to Norwest Private Hospital and Circa Commercial area as there are numerous vacant parcels of land readily available for such a use.

In effect the second EIS will be a fait accompli.

3.2 Demand

The committee demands that the North West Rail Link, undertakes the EIS for the location of the route and Bella Vista Railway Station with community consultation prior to determination of the current EIS.

4.0 Alternate Ingress/Egress for Spoil Removal

4.1 Discussion

It is our opinion that the proposed access to the site via Celebration Drive and Balmoral Road for heavy vehicles including those removing spoil from site running 20hrs a day has not been adequately addressed.

It is requested the traffic study supporting these proposed access arrangements be furnished for viewing.

We submit the following:

- There is already a high demand on the road network within the vicinity Celebration Drive and Balmoral Road;
- Local traffic entering Celebration Drive from Brighton Drive will experience horrendous delays as there will be a culmination of traffic at that intersection;
- The existing roundabout at Celebration Drive and Lexington Drive is already at capacity and will be overloaded due to the addition vehicles using this as an ingress/egress route;
- The distance between the roundabout and the traffic signals at Old Windsor Road is such that it would only accommodate for only 2 truck and trailers at any given time, hence trapping any vehicle from entering the roundabout through Lexington Drive due to additional traffic waiting to exit the roundabout from the proposed ingress/egress location for the construction site;
- The existing width of Celebration Drive would not accommodate the through traffic of the construction vehicles (truck and trailer) simultaneously with parked vehicles servicing the local business district. These vehicles will have no option but to overflow into immediately adjoining residential streets, which will further burden local residents; and
- The ingress/egress points will affectively direct construction traffic beyond the work zone towards the local residential area. The effect of which is an unnecessary increase in noise and vibration experienced by residents as a result of the continual operation of heavy vehicles.

4.2 Suggested Recommendations for Adoption

We submit the following:

- It is suggested that alternative arrangements regarding ingress/egress of construction vehicle including trucks for the removal of spoil should be made via the existing Transitway parallel to Old Windsor Road or/and the existing access through Cumberlege lane.
- We believe that Baulkham Hills Council should be consulted and we suggest that parking restriction be implemented within 200m vicinity of the construction works, through our local roads, benefitting local residents i.e. residents only parking.

- All construction traffic should be restricted from entering local residential area through Brighton Drive. It is recommended that a monitoring regime regarding elimination of construction traffic as a consequence of the construction be implemented prior to commencement as a condition of the EIS and tender documentation.
- It is requested that dilapidation reports are conducted by suitably qualified engineers on properties within 200m of the construction site prior to any form of construction commencing. It is also recommended that a monitoring service be implemented to carry out regular inspections during the course of construction.

5.0 Construction Vehicle Parking

5.1 Discussion

It is our firm belief that as a consequence of construction vehicles culminating at the Bella Vista site as it is nominated one of the main drop off/pick up point established to transport workers to other construction sites that do not have the capacity for parking vehicles will, if not addressed, cause significant parking issues. It is therefore imperative, that all construction related vehicles be restricted to parking within nominated and designated parking area on-site.

5.2 Suggested Recommendations for Adoption

For this to be effectively followed, there would need to be a vehicle parking monitoring regime implemented which forms part of the EIS and is reflected within the tender documentation.

6.0 Noise/Vibration Monitoring & Minimisation Procedures

6.1 Discussion

It is our firm belief that the noise monitoring system implemented and remedial actions to be undertaken due to breach of the levels during construction adopted by the current EIS is not adequate for the well being and safeguard of the resident's quality of life during the construction process.

6.2 Suggested Recommendations for Adoption

- It is requested that an alternative remedial action plan more conducive to the residents' welfare be implemented during breach of noise levels by construction activity. This is paramount for the **wellbeing**, **mental health** and **comfort** of the affected residents and any of those that are directly or indirectly affected by any form of disruption due to construction activity.
- It is requested that a six meter high noise barrier be erected around the whole perimeter of the construction zone at the Bellavista site as per the one recommended at the Cherrybrook Site to manage the night time spoil truck movements and on-going activities of concrete mixing plants and precast manufacturing processes.
- It is also recommended that, as noted on page 14 of EIS 1 at the Cherrybrook site, night time spoil truck movements will be conducted within the noise barrier wall. We request that this measure is also adopted for the Bellavista site.

7.0 Safety

7.1 Discussion

We are extremely concerned and appalled that there has been no reference to the implementation of any safety procedures during the construction process with the current EIS that addresses the safety of the community and fauna that exist within a few meters of one of the largest construction sites in the country. We would have thought that this would be held as a top priority as Bellavista Waters is teeming with young children, young adults and retirees that enjoy the parklands and areas surrounding their community. The implications of the culmination of thousands of employees within the business district has also been disregarded.

7.2 Suggested Recommendations for Adoption

It is requested that an assurance be given on the safety of residents and businesses alike and a management plan be issued for viewing on the procedures and processes being implemented to safeguard the safety of the community and its fauna during the course of construction.

8.0 Working Hours

8.1 Discussion

Page 12 of the current EIS makes reference to restricted working hours around places of worship and consultation with the various organisations will be carried to schedule work at appropriate times.

We are suggesting that Sunday for all of the community regardless of denomination is a day of worship and worshiping the lord is done from one's own home with family.

8.2 Suggested Recommendations for Adoption

We request that the project team consult with us as a community for the hours of operation. It is also requested that no construction activity in any form is carried out on Sundays and public holidays so as the community can worship in the comfort of their own homes without any disruption of any form due to construction activity.

9.0 Conclusion

It is therefore recommended that adequate consideration be given to this submission and a response is obtained in writing for the above mentioned points. We feel very strongly that the decision of constructing a new train station at the Bellavista site has been somewhat an impulsive decision without proper consideration.

Please find attached signed petition from all residents that support this application and submission.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to express our views and look forward to meeting with yourself in the very near future to address our concerns.

Your Faithfully

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