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**North West Rail Link
Staged State Significant Infrastructure Modification (MP 06_0157)
State Significant Infrastructure Application – Major Civil Works
(SSI-5100)**

I refer to your letter dated 3 April 2012 inviting submissions on the North West Rail Link (NWRL) project Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS): Stage 1: Major Civil Construction Works. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this important project.

RailCorp supports the construction of NWRL and considers it would provide a beneficial linkage to the existing Epping to Chatswood Rail Link and the city.

RailCorp notes that EIS 1 assesses the impacts associated with the bulk earth works for tunnelling and excavation for underground stations for the Project, and considers that the cumulative and operational impacts of the proposed railway are important aspects that would be addressed in EIS 2: Construction and operation of stations, rail infrastructure and systems.

Once the EIS 1 is approved, the corridor would fall within Clause 86 of ISEPP meaning that certain developments would require concurrence from RailCorp. RailCorp notes that a process would need to be developed given that concurrence will be from RailCorp but the project is managed by TfNSW.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Fiona Christiansen, Manager Environment & Planning on 02 9536 3123.

Yours sincerely,



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