

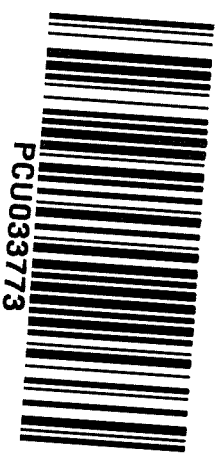
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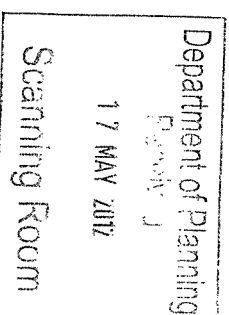
15th May, 2012

**Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY, NSW 2001**

Attention: Director, Infrastructure Projects

Dear Sir / Madam,

Submission re SSL-5100 - North West Rail Link - Major Civil Construction Works – Impacts and Issues at Castle Hill Station Site



Further to the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement for the North West Rail Link, and as the owners of the properties (No's 299 - 309 Old Northern Road Castle Hill) immediately adjacent to the proposed Castle Hill station site we would like to indicate our general support for the project.

However we would like to raise the following issues and ask that they be passed onto the North West Rail link team for resolution:

1. **Impacts / Loss of Trade during construction Works.** – Our properties include a number of operational businesses that have direct frontage to Old Northern Road, enjoying both pedestrian and vehicular access. Accordingly these business are heavily reliant on direct exposure and access to Old Northern Road.

We note however that the works area for the new station will largely close Old Northern Road and will therefore effectively destroy the viability of these businesses. Accordingly we see advice / confirmation form North West Rail Link that compensation will be paid to ourselves as owners of the properties and to our tenants for the duration of works as compensation for this loss of business.

2. **Station Design – Castle Hill Station.** – We understand that the current EIS deals with the tunnel and passage of the rail link and that more detailed design of the Station and their environs are currently underway. Our site is directly adjacent to the station box at Castle Hill and we therefore see that there is great synergy between our site and the station and the ability to provide direct linkages into the station concourse below ground and on the surface. For this reason we would request an early opportunity to work with the NW Rail Link Station design team to coordinate any opportunities that could benefit the local area.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

Jim Zerefos

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim Zerefos', written over the printed name.