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Dear Mr Saini

**NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS – SSI 14\_6888**

I refer to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) exhibited on the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure web site in relation to the Newcastle Inner City Bypass Project (SSI 14\_6888). The Newcastle Inner City Bypass proposes as part of the Newcastle Orbital Road Strategy to connect Lookout Road, New Lambton Heights with a 3.4 kilometre four lane divided road to Newcastle Road, Jesmond.

HNEPH emphasises the importance of effective and genuine community consultation with active involvement of the community in this process. There is some sensitivity in the community associated with this development proposal, thus, your community consultation should continue up to and if approved, during the ongoing operation of the development.

When assessing health risks, both incremental changes in exposure from existing background pollutant levels and the cumulative impacts of specific and existing pollutant levels should be addressed at the location of receptors. Exposure should be assessed at the location of the most affected receptors.

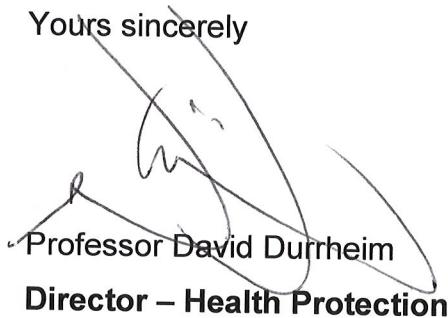
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Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) has reviewed the EIS and associated documentation, paying particular attention to the management of air quality, noise, soil, and water issues which may have an impact on human health. The EIS undertakings appear to be consistent with existing requirements to mitigate the impacts that may arise from these public health issues. It is important that to meet emergency management considerations that direct access is provided from the north and south to the John Hunter Hospital complex.

If you require any additional information, please contact Chris Williams, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Durrheim', is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

**Professor David Durrheim**

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**Hunter New England Population Health**