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Attention: Anthony Witherdin

Dear Mr Woodland

Section 75W request to modify the approved Project Application for West Keira Development and Wollongong Central Redevelopment, Wollongong (MP06_0209 MOD 3)

Thank you for your letter dated 5 August 2011 seeking comments on the above project approval modification.

It appears that the Department of Transport (DoT) was not invited to comment on the MP 06_0335 (Concept Plan) and original MP 06_0209 (Project Application for Mixed Retail, Commercial, & Residential Development at Wollongong Central & West Keira, Wollongong) approved in 2008.

The DoT generally supports the proposed modifications, but requests that the following matters are addressed and included in the final Statement of Commitments and conditions of consent:

- The north-south pedestrian link through the site is to be designed as a clear visual and physical link between Richardson Street in the north and Crown Street in the south; attending particularly to its northern entry in terms of the width, aesthetics, lighting and seamless integration with the Richardson Street footpath, to make it welcoming and safe;
- Consideration is given to providing a mid-block pedestrian facility across Keira Street between Market and Crown Streets to improve convenience of accessing the ground street retailing along both sides of Keira Street, bus stops and a taxi rank;
- Bicycle parking and amenities for staff in the car park located conveniently to maximise surveillance and use;
- Customer bicycle parking provided at the main entrances to the development in accordance with the NSW Government Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling; and

- Inclusion of car share spaces in the car park.

The DoT also notes that Condition B18 (point 7) of the Project Application Approval requires the “Green Travel Plan and travel demand management strategies” prior to the issuing of a construction certificate. This would be better placed in Part E of the Approval – Prior to Occupation or Commencement of Use – as it relates to the future use of the development by employers, employees and shoppers.

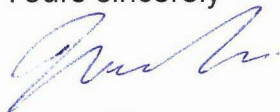
Guidance for how to prepare a workplace travel plan for future staff and a transport access guide for future customers exists and is available at

http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0015/100527/Brochure_FINAL_23.08.10.pdf and at

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/traveldemandmanagement/transportaccessguides/index.html>).

I trust that these comments are of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Eva Cermak on 8022 2525 or email eva.cermak@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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