



Transport



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Att: Michael Buckley



Dear Mr Cavallo,

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT EXHIBITION (MP09_0200) – VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT AT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, SYDNEY

Transport NSW (TNSW) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment prepared by Byrnes & Associates Pty Ltd for the construction of an underground loading dock below the Sydney Opera House building and the Forecourt and the associated works, including the improvements to the Forecourt.

TNSW is keen to ensure that a major project located in the highly accessible Sydney CBD contributes to meeting the objectives, targets and initiatives of the *NSW State Plan 2010* and *Metropolitan Transport Plan: Connecting the Cities* (MTP) and implements the NSW Government *Integrating Land Use and Transport* policy package (particularly the *Improving Transport Choice* component), *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling* and *Development & Active Living: Designing Projects for Active Living*.

TNSW supports the proposed development because it will substantially improve the pedestrian environment in the vicinity of the Sydney Opera House, which forms part of the pedestrian connection between the Circular Quay public transport interchange and the Sydney Opera House. Macquarie Street is also a designated cycle route and is included in the Sydney Strategic Bicycle Network.

If approval is granted to this application, TNSW requests that any final statement of commitments or conditions of consent include:

- safe design for bicycle access through the Macquarie Street roundabout in accordance with the *NSW Bicycle Guidelines* (available at http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/downloads/technicalmanuals/nswbicyclev12a_i.pdf); and
- the provision of bicycle parking in an appropriate location within the Forecourt.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Eva Cermak on 9268 2251 or email eva.cermak@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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