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Attention: Ms Caroline Owen

Exhibition of Modification Request for the Spectator Precinct at Royal Randwick Racecourse, Randwick (MP 10_0097 MOD 2)

Dear Ms Owen,

Thank you for your letter dated 13 May 2013 requesting Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to provide a submission in relation to the proposed Modification Request for the Spectator Precinct at the Royal Randwick Racecourse, Randwick.

TfNSW has reviewed the following documents prepared for the proposed modification:

- *Non-Race Day Events Australian Turf Club Section 75W Modification*, May 2013 prepared by the Australian Turf Club.
- *Traffic Impact Assessment, Proposed 75W Modification to the Spectator Precinct, May 2013 prepared by Parking and Traffic Consultant.*

Consolidated comments from TfNSW and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for the proposed modification request are provided below.

- Based on the type and scale of events provided in Table 3.2 of the traffic impact assessment report, it is unlikely to generate more than 600 patrons per event. However, the approval has been sought for events accommodating up to 5,000 patrons per day. Any functions/events that have potential to generate large numbers of patrons within a short period of time, would cause extensive delays to general traffic including buses travelling adjacent to the Randwick Racecourse. For example, the majority of patrons for a music event would arrive to the site within two (2) hours of the starting time and would leave the site immediately after the conclusion of the music event. For a music event which is expected to generate a total of 5,000 patrons, approximately 800 vehicle movements (assuming car occupancy rate of 2.5 persons per vehicle and 20% of patrons use public/active transport) are expected to occur within an hour. No detailed traffic and transport impact assessment has been undertaken for such an event occurring on non-race days. It is recommended that a traffic and transport assessment be undertaken to address the following issues:
 - Potential safety impacts to pedestrians accessing the Spectator Precinct from the main entry gate on Alison Road are expected during events accommodating up to 5,000 patrons particularly after exiting from regular public bus services stopping at the bus interchange (located at the intersection of Alison Rd and Doncaster Ave) and vehicles entering the Spectator Precinct car park from this same entry gate. Similar potential impacts may arise

18 Lee Street Chippendale NSW 2008 PO Box K659 Haymarket NSW 1240 T 8202 2200 F 8202 2209 www.transport.nsw.gov.au ABN 18 804 239 602 during exiting of the Spectator Precinct. TfNSW requests that the applicant undertake an assessment of impacts to pedestrian safety from potential vehicle and pedestrian conflict at this location during such events and clearly demonstrate how this would be managed. There may be the need for a plan of management to be prepared to avoid such conflicts.

- Potential impacts to regular public bus services operating along Alison Rd and High Street are expected during events accommodating up to 5,000 patrons due to the vehicle traffic generated from the Spectator Precinct at the main entry gate on Alison Rd and the Racecourse car park access on High Street. TfNSW requests that the proponent undertakes an assessment of the potential traffic impact of the proposal at these locations, specifically those to regular public bus services as well as University of NSW express bus services during commuter peak periods, in particular:
 - At the Alison Road/Main entry gate intersection the queue waiting to turn right from the right turn bay on Alison Rd into the main access gate may extend beyond the right turn bay and block traffic movements on the adjoining through traffic lane and cause delays to general traffic as well as buses.
 - At the High St/Infill car park access/UNSW access intersection.

Should the assessment reveal any impacts to bus services, the measures proposed to mitigate these impacts must be clearly detailed and either committed to being undertaken by the applicant or conditioned in any project approval.

- Any road closures associated with any event must either have a road occupancy licence (State Roads) or Traffic Management Plan (Council Roads). This is separate to the classing of the Special Events as included in the Special Event Manual.
- The construction of the proposed CBD and South East Light Rail project is expected to commence in 2014 and be completed by 2019. The proposed alignment of the light rail route includes roads located adjacent to the Randwick Racecourse including Alison Road, Wansey Road, High Street and Anzac Parade. The traffic impact report does not provide any information in relation to the impacts on the CBD and South East Light Rail operation due to the modification proposal. It is recommended to include a condition of consent that the proponent assesses the impacts on the proposed light rail operation as a result of the modification proposal and to consult with TfNSW in relation to construction and operation of the CBD and South East Light Rail during all stages of the modification project.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Aleks Tancevski on 8202 2811 or Aleks.Tancevski@transport.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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