



Transport

Mr Daniel Cavallo
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Attention: Michael Buckley

Dear Mr Cavallo,

**EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR WEST CIRCULAR QUAY
PUBLIC DOMAIN UPGRADE WORKS (MP10_0104)**

I refer to your letter dated 19 November 2010 regarding the above matter. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on this application.

TNSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment and supporting documents and supports the proposed upgrades to pedestrian accessibility and amenity in the area. TNSW requests that clear information and directions for public transport connections in the area, including buses, trains and ferries, be included as part of the proposed upgrades to signage and wayfinding.

As part of the Metropolitan Transport Plan, the Government has committed to extending the existing light rail system from Haymarket to Circular Quay. TNSW is currently assessing potential alignments for a CBD light rail extension. In regards to the proposed 'green roof', TNSW requests that a minimum height clearance of 4.5 metres be maintained under the Cahill Expressway to allow for any possible future light rail system.

Additionally, it is noted that the Environmental Assessment does not address access or facilities for cyclists. The capacity of the new and expanded pathways to accommodate cyclists needs to be assessed and consideration given to providing bike racks within the area. Information regarding the local bike network should be made available for visitors to the area.

In regards to potential impacts on the existing road and rail structures, we acknowledge that specific comment on the 'green roof' will be provided separately by RailCorp. It is understood that the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has been advised of the proposal and will also provide separate comment.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. The contact officer for this matter is Hanna Cihal who can be reached on 8202 2263 or by email at hanna.cihal@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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