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Major Projects NSW
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Re: Response to the Sydney Gateway Road Project: Technical Working Paper 11 – Socio-economic Impact Assessment

In South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) we have reviewed the above technical paper, which highlights the potential impacts on the communities that in the vicinity of the proposed works, including the magnitude and likelihood of impacts.

Specific errors have been identified in regards to the reporting of socioeconomic status (IRSD) in Mascot and Tempe. In the paper Mascot is identified as having an IRSD within the 9th Decile. On review of ABS data this is actually 7th decile. Tempe is stated to have an IRSD within 8th Decile. On review of the ABS data this is actually 5th Decile.

With the understanding that the Mascot and Tempe areas have a higher level of socioeconomic disadvantage than considered in this technical paper a re-evaluation of the magnitude of negative outcomes on these communities may be warranted.

As noted in the paper vulnerable populations are more likely to be disproportionately affected by the extensive capital works. Therefore, we suggest that the proponent consider opportunities to better identify the population most at risk and develop mitigation and communication strategies that will minimise short and long term harms including reduced access to outside areas, increased risk of reduced social and community interactions, and likely need to increase commuting by car to adapt to the proposed works.

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Yours Sincerely

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