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Director
Department of Planning, Industry and Environmental
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Attention: Lucinda Craig

EXHIBITION OF EIS - TARONGA REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN CONSERVATION CENTRE - BRADLEY HEAD ROAD, MOSMAN

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to Department of Planning, Industry and Environmental (the Department) correspondence dated 28 July 2021, regarding the abovementioned application which was referred to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for review.

TfNSW has reviewed the submitted information and would provide the following comments to the Department for consideration:

Green Travel Plan

Comment

Taronga Zoo has previously implemented a Green Travel Plan (GTP), for staff and visitors to the Taronga Institute of Science and Learning (TISL), dated 4 July 2018.

The GTP investigated travel modes for TISL staff in 2015 and set targets and measures to increase use of public transport and carpooling for the new facility. The GTP included targets to reduce staff trips by vehicle from 48 per cent to 40 per cent, at the same time increase public transport trips from 32 per cent to 39 per cent. The target for walking only was 14 per cent (one per cent increase), whilst cycling was proposed to remain at seven per cent.

A Transport Access Guide (TAG) was also prepared that requires updating every six months. This TAG was recommended to be distributed to all zoo staff and visitors, including integrating into the Taronga Zoo website within the 'Getting to the Zoo' page.

It is expected that similar travel patterns and behaviours apply to all staff at Taronga Zoo and therefore the GTP and its strategies and transport initiatives, such as the TAG and use the TISL carpooling service called Comovee would apply and should be available for all zoo staff.

Recommendation

It is requested that prior to the issue of the first Occupation Certificate, the applicant be conditioned to update the existing Green Travel Plan in consultation with TfNSW. The updated GTP would apply to all zoo staff and visitors and should include:

- Appointment and details of a Travel Plan Coordinator to oversee the implementation of the GTP;
- Inclusion of latest TAG version (which currently is reviewed every 6 months according to the Transport Impact Assessment);
- Details of mode shifts achieved since the first GTP was issued in 2015; and
- Details of how the GTP will be monitored and reviewed including Travel Surveys for Staff, Visitors, Students.

Construction and Traffic Management Plan

Comment

The increase in construction vehicle movements through local residential roads could have the potential to impact on general traffic and public transport operations, as well as the safety of pedestrians and cyclists particularly during commuter peak periods.

It is understood that articulated trucks will be used for delivery of machinery. And it is also noted in the Construction Management Plan that construction vehicles will be required to use the bus turning circle at Taronga Zoo Wharf before returning up Bradleys Head Road and accessing the site on their left.

However, it is unclear if the loading and unloading activities of the articulated vehicles will be undertaken on-site.

Recommendation

It is requested that the applicant be conditioned to prepare a detailed Construction and Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), detailing construction vehicle routes, number of trucks, hours of operation, access arrangements and traffic control. A swept path diagram should be provided to demonstrate how the largest construction vehicles enter and exit the site in a forward direction.

The CTMP should be submitted to TfNSW for review prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

If you have any further questions, Mr. Felix Liu would be pleased to take your call on 8849 2113 or email development.sydney@rms.nsw.gov.au. I hope this has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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