

Ms Naomi Moss
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Ms Moss

Re: The M12 Motorway (SSI-9364) – Submission on Environmental Impact Statement

Council welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed M12 Motorway between The Northern Road and the M7 Motorway. A portion of the project is in the Liverpool Local Government Area (LGA).

Council notes that the proposed motorway will provide a link to the planned Western Sydney International Airport (WSIA) with Sydney's existing motorway network.

Council acknowledges that the project is being funded under the State and Federal Governments' \$4.1 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan (WSIP) to improve the road network to support the WSIA and surrounding growth areas. The motorway will become part of The National Land Transport Network to serve the Western Parkland City.

Council appreciates that Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) representatives have provided briefings to Council and Western Sydney Parklands (WSP) on the scope, design investigations, key features and benefits of the project.

Council supports the project as part of the WSIA ground transport infrastructure. However, Council is very concerned that the proposed motorway does not include a direct connection to Elizabeth Drive. The current design indicates that the proposed motorway would have limited access to the surrounding areas, including:

- Planned employment precincts along Elizabeth Drive;
- Future business parks in the WSIA;
- Western Sydney Aerotropolis; and
- South West Growth Area.

An interchange with Elizabeth Drive is essential as are on-ramp and exit off-ramps at Elizabeth Drive. If these on/off-ramps are not provided, the forecast growth in these areas will have an unacceptable impact on Elizabeth Drive (which will require road widening in the medium term).

In this regard, Council has made separate representations to the Minister for Transport and Roads on the need for an interchange along the M12 Motorway connecting to Elizabeth Drive.

Council's preferred location for an interchange is where the proposed motorway, Elizabeth Drive/Mamre Road/Devonshire Road meet. If this is not possible, Elizabeth Drive must be upgraded to serve the planned industrial developments and business parks in the WSIA and the surrounding areas.

Council is concerned that the southern off-ramp from the proposed M12 Motorway onto the M7 Motorway within Western Sydney Parklands (WSP) will be close to the Cecil Hills residential area. This is likely to have visual and noise impacts on the residential area.

It is recommended that the off-ramp is moved as far as possible away from the residential area and must include appropriate noise and landscaping mitigation measures to limit these impacts.

Council notes that the project will affect a portion of the WSP including a bushland corridor identified (within the WSP Plan of Management) as containing threatened flora and fauna species, and an established biobank site. The RMS should continue working with WSP Trust to offset these impacts.

Attached are Council's additional comments on the project.

Should you wish to discuss the submission, please contact Service Manager, Traffic and Transport, Charles Wiafe on 02 8711 7452 or WiafeC@liverpool.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Tim Moore

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