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Attention: Karen Harragon

Dear Ms McNally,

Section 4.55 (1A) Modification Application – SSD 8175 Western Sydney Stadium (Bankwest) (Stage 2 Design and Construction)

This modification request is submitted by CW Strategic Planning Services on behalf of Venues NSW pursuant to section 4.55(1A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

1.0 Background

The modification request seeks to modify the above consent to make an administrative amendment to reflect advice from the NSW Police Force regarding the sensitivity of the *Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan* (EREP) prepared for the Stadium.

The relevant consent (SSD 8175) was granted by the Minister for Planning (under delegation) on 31 August 2017. Condition D4 requires the preparation and submission of a final Event Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Secretary that includes, but is not limited to:

D4.d) 'details of stadium emergency and evacuation procedures, including preparation of an Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan, which addresses issues of public and crowd safety and behaviour management and emergency vehicle access'.



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On 1 February 2019, as part of the consultation process on the draft *Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan* (EREP), the NSW Police Force provided advice on the submission of the Plan that it:

"is not submitted as part of the Consent process. Based on the current security environment and with previous advice from our State Intelligence Command and Counter Terrorism Command, the North West Metropolitan Region of the NSW Police Force ask that this Plan be categorised as a 'protected document', given the highly sensitive nature of its content".

2.0 Consideration

On Monday 19 February 2019, CW Strategic Planning Services, on behalf of Venues NSW sought advice from DPE noting the requirements of the condition, specifically, that the *Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan* (EREP) must be prepared and submitted to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

In response, the Department on 1 March 2019 advised of two options:

Option 1

Request DPE for a modification to require the plan be prepared in consultation with and to the satisfaction of Emergency Services with evidence of consultation and the approval of the plan to be provided to DPE.

Option 2

Submit the plan, clearly marked such as in a red box, with 'Confidential not for Public Release'; the plan review would be highly restricted and signed-off by the Executive Director, Priority Projects

3.0 Proposed Modification to Consent

Consistent with the advice from the NSW Police Service that the EREP not be submitted as part of the consent process, Venues NSW now seeks to Delete Condition D4.d) and incorporate a new condition as follows:

Preparation of an Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan (EREP)

D31 *The Applicant must prepare an Emergency Response and Evacuation Plan (EREP) for Western Sydney Stadium, which addresses issues of crowd safety and behaviour management and emergency vehicle access. The EREP must be prepared in consultation with NSW Police, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Ambulance (and any other relevant emergency services). Prior to the commencement of use of Western Sydney Stadium, the Applicant must provide evidence to the Secretary that the EREP has been prepared in consultation with, and finalised to, the satisfaction of the relevant emergency services.*

CW Strategic Planning Services submits that the modification application:

- is administrative in nature with no physical changes to the development or environmental implications;
- retains the primary function and purpose of the approved development; and
- subsequently warrants the use of section 4.55(1A) of the EP&A Act.

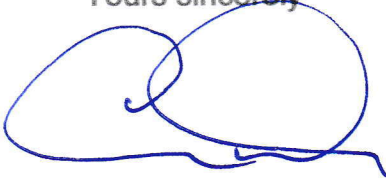
Given the public interest is being served by amending the consent to reflect the advice of the NSW Police Force, CW Strategic Planning Services further submits



that public exhibition or wider referral beyond immediate stakeholders as identified in the condition is not required noting that key emergency services are being consulted and will be required to endorse the final Plan.

Please contact me on 0402 184 188 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line.

17.3.19

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