

1 November 2017

Ms Carolyn McNally The Secretary Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms McNally,

## REQUEST FOR SECRETARY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS SYDNEY METRO – VICTORIA CROSS STATION DEVELOPMENT, NORTH SYDNEY

Transport for NSW requests the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environment Impact Statement to accompany a Concept State Significant Development Application for the proposed over station development located above the approved Victoria Cross Station in North Sydney.

To support this request an overview of the proposed development, the statutory context and the key issues for consideration are detailed in the attached report.

The Sydney Metro is Australia's biggest public transport project. A new standalone railway, this 21st century network will deliver 31 metro stations and 66 kilometres of new metro rail for Australia's biggest city – revolutionising the way Sydney travels.

The NSW Government has identified certain stations along the Sydney Metro City & Southwest alignment for over station development. This may include buildings on top of the stations with commercial, residential, community and retail uses.

Just like the world class metro stations around the world, our vision is for Sydney Metro stations to be landmark destinations in themselves – not just places to pass through.

Sydney Metro City & Southwest over station development presents a unique opportunity to contribute to the legacy of Sydney Metro, as well as contributing to the legacy and iconic nature of transport infrastructure and the history of an evolving city.

We trust the information detailed in the following request is sufficient to enable the Secretary to issue the SEARs for this significant State development.

Kind regards,

Tim Parker

Project Director

**Sydney Metro City & Southwest**