

GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT NSW ENDORSEMENT LETTER

APPENDIX H





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Sydney Metro City and Southwest - Design Excellence and Design Competitions

Dear Tim,

Thank you for your letter of July 9th and the accompanying fact sheet. GANSW support the proposed strategy as an alternative to a design competition run in accordance with the Sydney LEP, for integrated station development sites where development is located above the station 'box'.

GANSW acknowledge the commitment to design excellence demonstrated by Sydney Metro and the complexity of delivering integrated station development. We note and support the inclusion of local government representation in the Design Excellence Evaluation Panel (DEEP) and the line of sight provided for the DEEP and its advice to the Metro Tender Review Panel through the DEEP report and its presentation to the Tender Review Panel by the DEEP Chair.

The limitations that Authorised Engineering Organisation (AEO) requirements place on the range of design firms able to participate in tenders for ISD projects restricts the diversity of firms available to Sydney Metro. Therefore, the move to encourage partnering of non-AEO firms with AEO teams as a means to overcome this limitation is strongly supported. A world class city such as Sydney deserves the highest quality of design and innovation for its public domain, infrastructure and tall buildings. The delivery of design excellence is best served by the participation of a wide range of design firms with diverse design approaches, representing design excellence in fields outside rail development. The EOI process for shortlisting teams should foreground diversity and innovation for design teams to ensure the best value for government and the public is achieved through this process.

We support the continuing involvement of the Metro DRP in a Design Integrity role for each station development, and would strongly support and recommend engagement with the State Design Review Panel (SDRP) through the Stage 2 design development process for each station. The SDRP provides the most independent, robust and accountable mechanism for design quality advice for project proponents and DPE assessments.

Sincerely,

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