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Dear Ms Densley

**Hills Showground Station Precinct (SSD 9653)
Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements**

I refer to your letter dated 9 September 2019, on behalf of Sydney Metro seeking amended Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The Department notes the amended SEARs are requested as a result of changes to the scope of the proposal. Please find attached a copy of the amended SEARs reflecting the revised proposal.

Please note that the Planning Secretary may modify these requirements at any time. If you do not submit a Development Application (DA) and EIS within 2 years, you must consult further with the Planning Secretary in relation to the preparation of the EIS.

Prior to exhibiting the EIS, the Department will review the document in consultation with relevant authorities to determine if it addresses the requirements in Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*. You will be required to submit an amended EIS if it does not adequately address the requirements.

The Department wishes to emphasise the importance of effective and genuine community consultation where a comprehensive open and transparent community consultation engagement process must be undertaken during the preparation of the EIS. This process must ensure that the community is provided with a good understanding of what is proposed, description of any potential impacts and they are actively engaged in issues of concern to them.

Please contact the Department at least two weeks before you propose to submit your DA and EIS. This will enable the Department to:

- confirm the applicable fee (see Division 1AA, Part 15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*); and
- determine the number of copies (hard-copy and CD/DVD) of the DA and EIS that will be required for reviewing purposes.

If your development is likely to have a significant impact on matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation and it is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of the Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Bizimis at paula.bizimis@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A Witherdin'.

Anthony Witherdin
Director
Key Sites

Enclosed/Attached: amended SEARs