



**Transport
for NSW**

Your ref: SSI-5100

Sam Haddad
Director General,
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2000

Date: 22 October 2012

Dear Mr Haddad,

North West Rail Link: Request to modify the State Significant Infrastructure Approval 2012

Transport for New South Wales is proposing to modify the existing State Significant Infrastructure approval (SSI-5100) relating to Major Civil Construction Works for the North West Rail Link (NWRL) project.

The NWRL has been declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) through Clause 16 of State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011 and Clause 2, Schedule 5 of the Policy.

On 25 September 2012, Minister's Approval was granted pursuant to Section 115ZB of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 for the SSI application relating to the Major Civil Construction Works for NWRL.

Pursuant to Section 115ZI of the EP&A Act, Transport for NSW is seeking approval from the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure for the modification of the SSI approval (SSI-5100) granted on 25 September 2012.

The proposed modification is associated with minor changes to Showground Station (Construction Site 6 as identified in the Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 1: Major Civil Construction Works (EIS 1)) and includes:

- Minor change to the location of Showground Station, to the south east and parallel with Carrington Road, and associated modification of the horizontal alignment of the tunnels.
- Vertical alignment changes to accommodate the changed location of Showground Station.
- Change to Showground Station construction site boundary (Site 6).

Change to the Showground Road and Carrington Road construction access/egress arrangements

Accordingly, please find attached a Modification Report which provides:

- A description of the NWRL SSI (Stage 1) project as approved.
- A description of the proposed modification to the approved project.
- An assessment of the potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed modification.
- Measures to mitigate and manage environmental impacts associated with the modification.

I trust the information provided will assist the Department in assessing the approval modification request. Transport for NSW would be pleased to provide further information on the proposed modification as required. In this regard, please contact Brendon Baker on 02 8265 6010 or Brendon.Baker@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Your assistance in progressing the assessment for this important modification is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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