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Ms Karen Jones
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ATTN: Ms Ingrid Ilias

Dear Ms Jones,

RE: Response to petition on the Modifications to the CBD and SE Light Rail

Transport for NSW has received the petition addressed to the City of Sydney Lord Mayor Ms Clover Moore by Robert Dick dated 17 December 2014.

The petition raises concerns regarding the impact of the proposed removal of many of the 13 large fig trees and a number of olive trees from the south western end of Martin Road near the Anzac Parade and Alison Road intersection. Impacts noted in the petition from the removal of these trees include:

- Lack of ability to support comparative replacement trees within the area
- Removal of the physical and visual link between Moore Park and Centennial Park
- Loss of the natural barrier between residential dwellings and the road and busway
- Aesthetic value provided to the area by the presence of the trees will be lost.

The petition seeks to avoid these impacts through shifting the proposed realignment of the light rail a few metres to the west of the proposed location.

It is noted that 34 individuals representing 19 households in the Martin Road/ Robertson Road area have signed the petition.

Transport for NSW received submissions from The City of Sydney Council, Randwick City Council and community members citing similar concerns in response to the changes proposed in the Modifications Report. These concerns have subsequently been addressed in the Response to Submissions Report (January 2015) which is available on the Department of Planning and Environment's website.

As per the responses in the Submissions Report, Transport for NSW has acknowledged the concern and potential impacts raised in relation to the proposed tree removal at the Anzac Parade and Alison Road intersection near Martin Road. Transport for NSW has committed to further review of options during development of detailed design and construction methodology to avoid impacts to these trees. Options include the possibility of relocating the pedestrian/cycleway path on the western side of Martin Road as per the City of Sydney's suggestion, and the realignment of Anzac Parade and the light rail

tracks towards the west as suggested by Randwick City Council. Accordingly, an additional mitigation measure (A14 on page 149 of the Submissions Report) has been included for implementation. The measure will ensure opportunities to minimise impacts to the trees are investigated. Alternatively, feasible and reasonable options to relocate the trees would be considered during detailed design.

Further information can be found in the Submissions Report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Louise Sureda', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Louise Sureda
Principal Manager, Planning & Development