

17 December 2015

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Attention: Brent Devine

Dear Ms Garland,

RESPONSE TO Response to Submission (RtS) – SSI 6307 WestConnex M4 East

I refer to your email dated 8 December 2015 regarding the proponent's Response to Submission (RtS) package for the above application.

The Sydney Olympic Park Authority (Authority) has reviewed the submitted RtS and would like to make the following comments:

Groundwater and Fauna / flora impacts

The Authority's concerns have been adequately addressed.

Major Event & Operations – General

The response indicates that WestConnex acknowledges the majority of concerns raised in relation to this issue and that its consultants propose to resolve these issues through further design development.

The following condition is recommended:

- The Authority is to have the opportunity to review work in progress, to ensure that the issues raised in relation to event bus operation have been addressed.

Eastbound cycleway and the "Mousehole"

In relation to the Eastbound cycleway and the Mousehole, the proposed response is noted. However, the Authority still has major concerns that the proposed solution (closing and opening additional gates for cyclists during events) will not adequately ensure the safety of shared bus and bicycle movements through the Mouse Hole.

It is strongly recommended that alternative solutions to this issue be investigated. The Authority would welcome an opportunity to work with Westconnex to progress this. If a suitable alternative can't be found then it is assumed that all public safety aspects of the proposed solution will be appropriately managed by the Motorway operator.

Urban Design

The response in relation to Landscape and Urban Design issues is noted. Further detailed design development for both landscape treatments as well as specific motorway elements is supported, as is the proposal to establish an independent urban design review panel for the detailed design phase of the M4 East project.

The Authority would welcome the opportunity to work with Westconnex, its design teams and the urban design review panel in creating an integrated urban and landscape strategy that celebrates the gateways to Sydney Olympic Park.

The following conditions are recommended:

- The detailed design of specific motorway elements should be integrated and coordinated with landscape design and **both** components should be subject to review by the independent urban design review panel.
- The independent urban design review panel should include suitably qualified urban designers and landscape architects with demonstrated experience in motorway design.
- The Authority is to be invited to participate in design development of Landscaping as well as the specific motorway elements, and attend the relevant urban design review panel sessions.
- Simulated views showing the proposed landscape treatments and motorway element designs are to be prepared for the motorway approaches and off ramps to Sydney Olympic Park, and provided to the Authority for information.

Should you require any assistance or clarification on the above, please contact me on 9714 7934 or email Darlene.vanderBreggen@sopa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DVB', followed by a period.

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