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Dear Mr. Hitchings,

**WestConnex M4-M5 (Stage 3A) Mainline Tunnel (SSI 7485)  
Construction Blast Monitoring Program and Strategy (Conditions C9 and E99)**

I refer to my previous letter, dated 19 February 2021, which was incorrectly addressed to Mr Tarnjit Chahal.

I am withdrawing the letter, a copy of which is attached for your records; and superseding it with this letter.

I can continue to advise that given the proposal to undertake blasting for the project has been withdrawn, the Department has ceased its review of the related documents as requested.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Carl Dumpleton on 02 9274 6283.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jake Shackleton'.

**Jake Shackleton**  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary



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19/02/2021

Dear Mr. Chahal,

**WestConnex M4-M5 (Stage 3a) Mainline Tunnel (SSI 7485)  
Construction Blast Monitoring Program and Strategy (Conditions C9 and E99)**

I refer to the Controlled Blast Monitoring Program (CBMP) revision 8 and Controlled Blast Monitoring Strategy (CBMS) revision 7, both dated 5 January 2021, which were submitted for approval and information respectively as required by conditions C9 and E99 of the SSI 7485.

I note the CBMP and CBMS were revised due to an Environment Protection Licence variation (EPL 21149) on 10 December 2020, triggering a review of the blast parameters and methodology within both documents.

The Department engaged the independent expert Terrock Consulting Engineers to review the CBMP revision 8 and CBMS revision 7 and has provided the technical advice to Transport for NSW.

I acknowledge your request to cease the review and approval of the current revision of the CBMP and CBMS. Therefore, I wish to advise that the Department is no longer reviewing the documents as requested.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Carl Dumpleton on 02 9274 6283.

Yours sincerely

**Jake Shackleton**  
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary