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Transport Assessments  
NSW Department of Planning and Environment

Dear

**Sydney Metro City & Southwest (Sydenham to Bankstown) SSI 8256  
Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

I refer to your email of 12 September 2017 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant branches of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to [landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

DPI has reviewed the EIS and provides the following recommendations:

- The proponent should ensure that all works within and around watercourses are undertaken in accordance with the [DPI Water Guidelines for Controlled Activities \(2012\)](#).
- The proponent should provide detailed justification for the groundwater assumptions presented in the EIS including:
  - Establishing a monitoring bore network to confirm groundwater depth or evidence to demonstrate groundwater will not be intercepted; and
  - demonstrating the depth of construction, as well as excavation, in comparison with groundwater levels beneath the project.
- In the event groundwater is intercepted, the proponent should consult with the Department of Industry Crown Lands and Water ([water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:water.referrals@dpi.nsw.gov.au)) on licensing requirements.
- A surface water quality monitoring program should be developed for the operational stage of the project and undertaken over a two year period.
- To reduce potential impacts on the aquatic environment, best practice erosion and sediment control measures should be used during construction.

Yours sincerely



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