



Western Sydney Parklands Trust

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Dear Madam

RE: M12 Motorway (SSI-9364) – Submissions and Amendment Reports

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above reports for the proposed M12 Motorway. The M12 Motorway will run between the M7 Motorway at Cecil Hills (to the east) and The Northern Road at Luddenham (to the west) and through a section of the Western Sydney Parklands adjacent to Elizabeth Drive.

The following letter provides the Western Sydney Parklands Trust's (WSPT) review of the following Transport for NSW documents:

1. M12 Motorway Submissions Report dated October 2020
2. M12 Motorway Amendment Report dated October 2020

The TfNSW M12 Project Team and WSPT have been working in close collaboration as TfNSW has progressed the detailed designs for the project. This includes on the key features of the motorway where it crosses the Western Sydney Parklands as documented in the M12 Submissions and Amendment Reports including:

- Wylde Mountain Bike Trail and Facility relocation
- Shared user path through Western Sydney Parklands (Mirror Dam Cycleway)
- BR10: Twin bridges over Range Road
- BR11: Water Tower / Utilities access road overbridge
- Realigned utilities access road
- Shared User Path – M7 path changes and connections
- M12 to M7 entry ramps / motorway connections
- Motorway corridor including urban design, landscape, environment, stormwater drainage

The M12 project will have an impact on facilities within the Western Sydney Parklands, including bushland, the M7 West Biobank site, walking trails, the Wylde Mountain Bike Trail and associated infrastructure and vehicle access to the Sydney International Shooting Centre.

WSPT acknowledges the statement on page 16 of the Submissions Report, that the M12 Motorway has responded to the strategic planning documents, including the 2018 Southern Parklands Framework in the alternative alignment for the motorway which the Trust supports (<https://www.westernsydneyparklands.com.au/about-us/major-projects/southern-parklands-framework/>).

WSPT continues to work with TfNSW on the project design of the motorway to ensure the best outcomes on the urban design and landscape treatments, cycle / pedestrian linkages, environment (fauna and flora) and mitigation measures to reduce the visual impact of the M12 Motorway corridor through the Parklands.

WSPT also continues to consult and resolve with TfNSW on property access issues including “make-good” to all maintenance access trails to equivalent standards.

WSPT acknowledge that there are further considerations and negotiations with the M12 Project Team during the detailed design phase of the M12 project, which are currently in progress on the following matters:

- Wylde Mountain Bike Trail facilities relocation, access road and carparking for construction completion by the end 2021.
- Shared user path known as the “Mirror Dam Cycleway”, working closely with TfNSW on the successful delivery of this essential pedestrian and cycle link from M12 to M7 by June 2025.
- Biodiversity outcomes of the M12 Motorway project, including suitable design solutions for fauna movement and fauna protection.
- Bridge designs for BR10 and BR11, to ensure all vehicle entry points to the Parklands are of a high-quality design that is aesthetic, functional and modern, providing an arrival experience for all future visitors to the Cecil Park Precinct of the Parklands.
- Interface conditions of the motorway corridor within the Parklands during construction and post-construction to ensure restoration of the landscape at all boundaries.
- Protection of existing vegetation and retention of as much as possible of the densely vegetated treed slopes of Cecil Park Precinct of the Parklands.
- Amended property adjustment and amended operational footprint pertaining to Western Sydney Parklands.
- Ancillary facilities amended and additional, pertaining to Western Sydney Parklands including AF9, AF16, AF17 and AF18.
- Amended haulage route and heavy vehicle movements for ancillary facility AF 9 which is within the Western Sydney Parklands.
- Edge impacts on the native vegetation within the Parklands, requesting replacement vegetation planting include forest tree canopy in the landscape treatment of the M12 corridor. To improve the landscape character and future viewpoints of the motorway when viewed from within Western Sydney Parklands.

- Directly affected properties pertaining to Western Sydney Parklands for both the amended construction footprint and operational footprint.
- Future operational noise impacts of the motorway, consideration of noise mitigation measures and strategies such as increased buffer plantings / noise barriers at the motorway interfaces with the Cecil Park Precinct of the Parklands.
- Environmental management measures and traffic management measures during construction of the motorway at the highest level of standards during construction. This is a critical issue where the motorway crosses the Western Sydney Parklands so as not to further impact the natural and recreational environment of the Cecil Park Precinct of the Parklands. And added protection from construction activity at the interfaces with the densely vegetated areas such as remnant riparian forests and Cumberland Woodlands in the Parklands.

These matters listed above are consistent with WSPT's representations to TfNSW during detailed design phase to date on the project. The Trust looks forward to continuing to work closely with TfNSW on the resolution of these environmental and design matters as the detailed design develops.

The Trust continues to be committed to working together with TfNSW to achieve good outcomes on this major government transport initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Submissions and Amendment Reports for the proposed M12 Motorway.

Sincerely



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