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Planning and Assessment  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: SYDNEY METRO WEST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT - SSI 10038**

As a significant stakeholder and property owner at Sydney Olympic Park, Ecove welcome the exhibition of the Sydney Metro West Environmental Impact Statement. After reviewing the EIS and the online exhibition resources made available, we wish to commend the Sydney West Metro Team on the comprehensive nature of the EIS and exhibition documentation. We would also like to register our strong support for this critical piece of public infrastructure.

Aside from Sydney Olympic Park's position as Sydney's premier events precinct, we have been long term believers in the growth of the precinct as an important residential and commercial centre. The inclusion of Sydney Olympic Park as a station site will provide the area with the critical public transport connectivity that has been inhibiting its growth. Most importantly the Sydney Metro West will elevate Sydney Olympic Park to the status of a genuine commercial centre, with the capacity to support significant job creation in the area.

The importance of the proposed North Strathfield Station in providing a vital interchange with the T7 Northern Line is clear from the EIS. In reviewing the documents, it appears that the proposed pedestrian link between the North Strathfield heavy rail station and the proposed North Strathfield metro station will be via an overhead connection. A subterranean connection between the two stations would deliver a significantly improved interchange capability.

It is also noted that the North Strathfield metro station is proposed to have a single access point, where all other stations appear to have multiple access points. We believe an important modal interchange point would benefit from a diversity of entry points rather than the single access point currently proposed.

Given the current economic uncertainty we would strongly support any opportunity there is of bringing forward this important piece of infrastructure for not only the initial economic benefit during construction, but the ongoing benefits for economic growth along the metro corridor.

We can confirm that Ecove and its associated companies have not made any political donations, reportable or otherwise in the previous 2 years.

Yours Faithfully,  
**Ecove Group Pty Limited**

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