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Sydney Metro West Westmead to The Bays and Sydney CBD, Environmental Impact Statement Five Dock Station

I recognises the significance of this major public transport infrastructure project on both Five Dock and the surrounding suburbs, delivering rail services to the areas for the first time. I also recognise that once built, it will decrease travel times to both the CBD and Greater Parramatta Area, taking a significant amount of cars off the roads.

However, during the 24-36 month construction period of the Five Dock station, there will be significant and ongoing impact on the Five Dock community.

As I reside approximately 400 metres from the proposed Five Dock station site, I am very concerned that the EIS has not adequately identified and assessed the local impacts during construction such as:

- No proposed traffic management changes during the construction of the station
- The actual truck movements beyond the immediate routes along Great North Road
- 272 trucks per day during site establishment
- 422 trucks per day during excavation
- The capability for Great North Road and the surrounding road network to accommodate this massive increase in the number of heavy vehicles
- Increased "rat running" through local streets
- No proposed pedestrian changes during the construction of the station
- The interactions between 422 trucks per day and pedestrians on Great North Road and surrounding streets
- Parking for construction employees
- No provision for "truck waiting area" for the 421 trucks about to arrive at the Five Dock station construction site

I therefore believe that the EIS must assess and mitigate the impacts to the community relating to the issues identified above.

Suggested improvements include:

- Traffic calming measures implemented in local streets, particularly West St and Scott St
- Enforcement of traffic routes for heavy vehicles for non-compliance with road rules and Development Consent Conditions
- Establishment of a "communication hotline" for the community to send images and licence plate numbers of trucks in breach of roads rules, routes and load security
- Installation of a pedestrian crossing on West Street that links with the public access walkway between East Street and West Street that directly links with the station
- Providing a detailed plan of the extended route of heavy vehicles beyond Great North Road to the North and South, along Lyons Road, Lyons Road West and Parramatta Road
- Providing a location for a "truck waiting area" in a non-residential location, where heavy construction vehicles will wait before entering the station construction site

- Improved traffic signage and management at the intersections of West Street and Henry Street, and Scott Street and Henry Street, which have limited visibility around corners. This could be achieved with improved visibility such as extended "No Stopping Zones"
- Park and Shuttle services to be set as "mandatory" for construction workers
- Construct a multi storey carpark in Five Dock at the very start of the "Enabling Works", to be used by the construction workers for 2 years of construction, which in future can be used by the growing Five Dock community population
- At the completion of construction, a road repair and resurfacing project of all roads in Five Dock which were used by any heavy vehicle associated with the project
- State Government commitment to the construction of the new Five Dock Town Centre centred on Fed Kelly Place

Prior to approval of the project, I believe that the all of the above issues must be addressed.

I look forward to seeing updated documentation that addresses and mitigates the impacts of the issues raised in this submission.

Regards Phil Carbins