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Major Projects
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Attn: Rodger Roppolo

Dear Rodger,

Re: Submission on The New Sydney Fish Market – Stage 2

This letter outlines the Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoe Club's submission to this State Significant Project. Our club is overall very supportive of this project and once complete will bring a lot of benefits to our members and increase the exposure of our club.

However, we do have some concerns with respect to this project, particularly during the demolition and construction phases. It is noted that the EIS does consider several recreational water users needs – specifically rowers and dragon boaters - and states a number of times that access to the water by these users will not be affected. When describing boat access the EIS notes specifically Glebe Rowing Club and Sydney University Boat Club pontoons access will not be affected.

Our club accesses the water via the stairs from the waterfront promenade on the Western side of the current Hanson Concrete plant near where our outrigger canoes are stored on racks (next to the promenade). We access the water a minimum of three times per week from this location which can increase whilst we are training for specific campaigns.

As a result, our club will have very close interaction with any floating plant during demolition and the installation of the silt curtains. Because of this reason our club needs to be considered separately from the other rowing and dragon boat clubs as we are in the closest proximity to the works of this project.

I note that the current Construction Staging Report shows that the silt curtain will not impede our access to the water, but we understand that once the Principal Contractor has been appointed that

they have the ability to change the construction staging and we request that any changes ensure that our access to the water is maintained.

During the operational phase of this project our club has three main concerns; water safety, parking and traffic management.

In Appendix 9 of the EIS (Navigation Impact Assessment) our club's canoe storage location is included in Section 2.7.6. However, this section does not acknowledge that our club accesses the water via the nearby water access steps at a minimum of three times per week. This will need to be considered in the overall boat traffic during the operational phase of the Fish Markets.

We do not have any concerns with the modification of the rowing route as we train in outrigger canoes and train further afield from Blackwattle Bay and only paddle through Blackwattle Bay at the beginning and end of our training sessions.

In the EIS it was noted that during peak parking demand periods one of the main strategies will be to use off-street car parks in close proximity to accommodate overflow parking demand. Our concern is that the reality is that a number of visitors to the Fish Markets will use the surrounding street parking which our members currently are frequent users of during our training sessions.

We understand as part of this project there will be a great promotion of using public transport to travel to the new Fish Markets. However, our club is concerned that despite these strategies traffic to the area will increase, and our members will be impacted by these increased traffic volumes when attending training sessions.

Please note our club will also be making a separate submission to The New Sydney Fish Market – Concept and Stage 1.

If you would like to discuss the detail of our submission, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoe Club