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Re Bayside Council Response to F6 Extension Stage 1 Preferred Infrastructure Report and Response to Submissions Report: SSI 8931

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the F6 Extension Stage 1 Preferred Infrastructure Report and also to respond to the Response to Submissions Report.

As noted in Council's previous submissions of F6 Extension Stage 1 and in previous additional correspondence to NSW Department of Planning and Environment (19 September 2018) the construction and operation of the Stage 1 F6 will have significant and multiple impacts on the community of Bayside including:

- permanent loss of open space
- temporary loss of open space,
- significant multi-year impacts to community facilities and sporting clubs,
- increased traffic congestion,
- impacts on protected wetlands and waterways and
- 10,000 cars exiting the tunnel onto President Ave, Kogarah per day.

It is noted that as per the release of the Stage 1 F6 Extension Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that Bayside Council has again been provided with a short time frame to respond to detailed documents for this project in this case the Preferred Infrastructure Report. The proposed timeframe for Council to raise concerns to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment in relation to Response to Submissions Report was also short.

Council's response provided below therefore cannot be considered a Councillor endorsed response nor a detailed review of Preferred Infrastructure Report or the Response to Submissions Report. Therefore additional issues and concerns may arise that Council will require to be addressed.

Response:

It is noted with the Response to Submissions Report that Bayside Council in its submission to the Environmental Impact Statement (December 2018) raised over 50 areas of concern including:

- Lack of State Government planning for Stage 2 (Kogarah to Taren Point)
- Absence of information from the State Government on the future of the F6 open space corridor
- Need for certainty of land tenure for Council where temporary and permanent assets are to be located

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- Request for identification of spoil management options located within the Bayside Council area
- Location of components of the active transport route within wetland/endangered ecological communities, particularly at Scarborough Park.
- Need for the relocation of the skate park, playground and sporting fields to be completed prior to commencement of construction of this infrastructure
- Traffic impacts particularly on the Moorefield Estate area
- Adequacy of number of air quality monitoring stations
- Impact of removal of 449 trees

While all of the concerns were acknowledged in some way in the Response to Submissions Report only the below two modifications have been identified in the Preferred Infrastructure Report to address issues raised during public exhibition of the EIS:

- President Avenue traffic and access changes
- Extension of the shared cycle and pedestrian pathway from President Ave through Scarborough Park North to Chuter Ave/O'Connell St

Council, therefore, requests that as per the offer from yourself that representatives from Council meet with representatives from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment to discuss the Response to Submissions Report, including:

- Delivery and commitment from RMS to deliver the Ador precinct and Brighton Memorial playing fields prior to commencement of F6 works
- F6 Corridor and opportunities to acquire land for open space
- Spoil management options
- Traffic impacts as a result of the F6 including the intersection of Marshall St and Rocky Point Rd, Kogarah

In relation to the two modifications identified in the Preferred Infrastructure Report Bayside Council responses are outlined below:

- President Avenue traffic and access changes

The Preferred Infrastructure Report does not demonstrate or mention the provision and/or the length of a holding lane in President Avenue for traffic that turns right out of Civic Avenue. This holding lane is required to allow traffic from Civic Ave to merge safely with traffic travelling in President Avenue. Council request confirmation that this holding lane will be included as part of this project.

- Extension of the shared cycle and pedestrian pathway from President Ave through Scarborough Park North to Chuter Ave/O'Connell St

Environmental Impacts

- The extension of a southern route of the shared cycle and pedestrian pathway is supported by Bayside Council. This extension will provide a valued north/south and importantly and east/west link that will be of significant benefit to the community. However, as highlighted in Council's previous submission Council is concerned about the impact of the current and

additional proposed shared cycle and pedestrian pathway on wetlands and endangered ecological communities, particularly within Scarborough Park.

- Council request that RMS work with Council and an independent accredited wetland ecologist to identify/peer review current and adjusted options which consider local biodiversity impacts as well as impacts on the habitat of grey-headed flying fox, southern myotis and the green and golden bell frog and impacts on the below Endangered Ecological Communities which Council has identified in this location:
 - o Sydney Freshwater Wetlands in the Sydney basin Bioregion
 - o Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest of the NSW North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Bioregion
- Council also requires information how the extension of this infrastructure in this area would meet the objectives of the relevant environmental legislation including NSW Coastal Management SEPP, NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994.

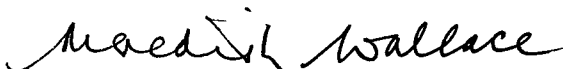
Design Consideration

- The shared cycle and pedestrian pathway, when it is on ground, is to be provided as separated 5m Active Transport corridor (3m cycleway, 1.5m ped path). When the path merges to a shared-use boardwalk the boardwalk width is to be a minimum 3.6metres in width (between handrails) as per Austroads recommendations recommends for high-use boardwalks and elevated paths.
- To maximise the usability and functionality of this extension Council requests that this extension is extended from Robinson St to Barton St, Kogarah with the retention of the refuge and crossing point on Chuter/O'Connell at Robinson Street
- As there will be considerable use of northbound commuters leaving Chuter Ave to start the northern direction of the path Council request the provision of a high quality entrance to this path
- Council request RMS consider an amended design for the western connection to Civic Avenue/Annette Street to allow a clearer (more direct) east/west passage across the park and to the road network and links towards Kogarah town centre.

Council is disappointed that despite a number of discussions with RMS that the central component of this shared cycle and pedestrian pathway near Kings Rd Wetland and Bay St, Rockdale is still including on road diversion. It was Council's understanding that RMS were considering the relocation of this asset between Kurnell St and Bruce St as primarily off road. Council seeks clarification on why this option has been ignored particularly in terms of useability, connectivity and safety for users of this asset, especially as RMS own a number of properties that would facilitate an off road option for the shared cycle and pedestrian pathway.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter please do not hesitate to contact Clare Harley, Manager Strategic Planning on 0404163594

Yours sincerely



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