



1 September 2020

Mr Jim Betts  
Secretary  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Resource & Energy Assessments Planning Services  
320 Pitt Street  
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Attention: Jonathan Kerr

Dear Jonathan

**RE: SSI 10048 - Sydney International Speedway Environmental Impact Statement**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Environmental Impact Statement for SSI 10048, the Sydney International Speedway Project located on Ferrers Road, Eastern Creek, lodged by Sydney Metro.

The subject site is located within the Western Sydney Parklands and is part of the Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct. The land is owned by the Western Sydney Parklands Trust (the Trust) and previously leased to Western Sydney International Dragway (WSID).

The Trust has entered into a Speedway Delivery Agreement with Sydney Metro for the construction of the new Speedway facility and associated dragway works in accordance with the EIS. The Trust has also entered into a Dragway Lease Amendment Agreement with WSID, where WSID will on 31 August 2020, surrender that part of its leasehold land to permit the construction of the Speedway by Sydney Metro and for the Trust in 2021 to procure a Speedway operator to lease and operate the new Speedway facility.

NSW Office of Sport and the Trust are in the process of preparing a masterplan to guide the future of the Precinct. The Masterplan program targets a draft plan in 2020, with the final plan to be prepared in 2021 with input from the future Speedway operator. As the Speedway operator cannot be appointed until there is certainty about the completion date for the works, the EIS approval will need to precede final masterplan. As a consequence the EIS approval should not be conditional on finalisation of the masterplan.

A review of the EIS appears to demonstrate consistency with:

- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Parklands) 2009.*
- *Western Sydney Parklands, Plan of Management 2030* (February 2019), and the desired future objectives and management priorities for Precinct 5 "Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct".
- The Trust's vision for the future Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct Masterplan.

The Trust has been involved with both Sydney Metro and the Office of Sport in the planning and design phase of the project and culminating in the lodgement of the EIS. The Trust is most supportive of the project and considers that the new speedway circuit, as proposed, will progress the Trust's long term plans for growth and expansion of the Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct.

Whilst the Trust is supportive of the project, the Trust wishes to reinforce the importance of the following key issues, identified in the EIS, during construction and the subsequent operation of the Speedway:

#### **Traffic and Transport**

The Trust would like to stress the ongoing importance of traffic and transport management during the construction and operation of the Speedway. Traffic impacts must be monitored to ensure acceptable conditions are maintained for adjoining operators, spectators and the general public.

#### **Car Parking**

The performance of the proposed car parking arrangements, as agreed with WSID, during construction and operation of the Speedway must be monitored to ensure it is functioning adequately and catering for the demands of both competitors and spectators of all motorsport operators within the Precinct. This applies to all major events and for scheduled concurrent events.

#### **Noise and Vibration**

The cumulative noise and vibration impacts from the construction and operation of the Speedway, alongside concurrent dragway and raceway events within the Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct, must be monitored to ensure acceptable conditions are maintained for adjoining operators, spectators and the general public.

#### **Dust**

Dust levels must be monitored during the construction and operation of the Speedway to ensure acceptable conditions are maintained for adjoining operators, spectators and the general public. The impact of dust on the drag strip could jeopardise the safe operation of a dragway event. It is noted that dust mitigation and control measures have been agreed with WSID and will also be lease obligations of the new speedway operator.

#### **Event Scheduling and Cumulative Impacts**

The cumulative impacts from traffic, car parking and noise and dust from the various events within the Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct must be monitored during the construction and operation of the Speedway to ensure acceptable standards are maintained for adjoining operators, spectators and the general public.

#### **Trial Period**

The Trust sees merit in requiring a trial period from commencement of speedway operations, where there is a prohibition and/or restriction on the scheduling of 'major' and 'main' concurrent operational events within the Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct, so as to avoid or at least mitigate the traffic, car parking, noise and dust impacts. Agreement has been reached with WSID with respect to a 12 month trial period.

#### **Speedway Scope of Works Standard**

The Trust supports the ambition for creating a Speedway track which meets a high standard and specification. Sydney Metro has referenced the Perth Motorplex and a Speedway Australia 5 star track rating as appropriate standards. The construction and operation of the Speedway must be monitored to ensure adherence to these standards.

**Construction Period**

As some of the car parking works and the temporary stockpiling of material is to be carried out on part of the dragway lease area being retained by WSID, the construction period impacts and mitigation measures must be monitored to ensure adherence to the principles agreed with WSID.

**Consultation**

The Trust requests ongoing consultation with the Western Sydney Parklands Trust post-EIS determination.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this response, please feel free to contact myself or Aidan Werry, Project Director.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suellen Fitzgerald". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Suellen" and last name "Fitzgerald" clearly distinguishable.

Suellen Fitzgerald  
**Chief Executive**  
**Greater Sydney Parklands**