

4 CONSULTATION

A formal Planning Focus Meeting was conducted on 7 February 2006. This meeting was convened by the DoP, who invited all relevant government authorities to attend and advise of their specific requirements or concerns in relation to the evolving Concept Plan and process. Additional stakeholder consultation meetings arranged independently by the proponent and their representatives include:

- University of Technology Sydney (UTS) – 28 October 2005
- DoP Metropolitan Branch – 7 November and 15 December 2005
- St Leonards Strategy – 15 December 2005 and 28 February 2006
- Heritage Office – 22 November 2005 and site visit on 20 December 2005
- Broadcast Australia (nearby owner) – 8 February 2006
- DB REEF (adjacent owner) – 29 November 2005
- Post Office (adjacent owner) – 17 November and 1 December 2005
- Willoughby City Council – discussions in June/July 2005, subsequent meeting with senior officers on 8 December 2005, briefing with Council's Landscape Consultant on 19 December 2005 and 28 April 2006, and presentation to some officers and Councilors on 28 February 2006.
- Presentation to some officers and councilors of both Lane Cove and North Sydney Councillors on 28 Feb 2006
- Roads and Traffic Authority. - 19 December 2005
- TAFE (adjacent owner) – 27 February 2006
- Presentation to some residents and local landowners - 28 Feb 2006
- Energy Australia – 20 April and 1 May (on site) 2006.
- Sydney Buses and Department of Transport – 8 February 2006
- Sydney Water, AGL and Telstra – various telecons
- Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA) – Consultation is ongoing with hospital helicopter pilots (Life Saver Helicopters) and consultation with CASA will be finalised prior to project approval.
- Department of Infrastructure and Natural Resources - 21 June 2006.
- Subsequent discussions held with Roads and Traffic Authority, Willoughby City Council, Department of Planning, Energy Australia, State Transit Authority, Sydney Buses, Broadcasting Australia and Royal North Shore Private Hospital.

4.1 THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT PLAN

The original Concept Plan and Environmental Assessment was lodged with the Department of Planning in late July 2006 and was publicly exhibited from Thursday 2 August 2006 to Wednesday 1 September 2006 in accordance with section 75H of the EPA & A Act. Various forums of informal consultation also occurred prior to and during this period.

The public exhibition attracted a total of seven (7) public submissions and 15 agency and other stakeholder submissions. The Director-General has provided copies of the submissions to the proponent in accordance with section 75H(5) of the EP & A Act. A response to the submissions has been prepared by the proponent pursuant to section 75(H6) of the EP & A Act, and is submitted separately.

The current version of the Concept Plan (see Section 7) includes various minor modifications and supplementary environmental assessment in response to the issues raised.