



24 May 2006

Mr Sam Haddad  
Director-General  
Department of Planning  
23-33 Bridge Street  
GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

received 24 May 06

**Attention:** Mr Scott Jeffries & Ms Lisa Mitchell

Dear Mr Haddad

**Metropolitan Rail Expansion Program - South West Rail Link  
Request for Environmental Assessment Requirements and Authorisation by Minister to proceed  
with a Concept Plan**

On 9 June 2005, the NSW Government announced an investment of \$8 billion in the development of the Metropolitan Rail Expansion Program consisting of three separate railway projects known as the South West Rail Link ("SWRL"), North West Rail Link ("NWRL"), and Redfern to Chatswood Rail Link.

Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation ("TIDC") is a statutory State owned corporation established under the *Transport Administration Act 1988* ("TA Act") having as its principal function the development of major railway systems and other major transport projects. On 22 May 2006, in accordance with s18E(1) of the TA Act, TIDC was given responsibility for carrying out the projects comprised in the Metropolitan Rail Expansion Program. TIDC reports to a Project Steering Group that includes representatives of the Premier's Department, the Department of Planning (DoP), Treasury, the Ministry of Transport and Railcorp.

The south west sector of the Sydney Metropolitan Region has been identified by the NSW Government as a major growth area. The SWRL will provide essential transport infrastructure for future development in land release areas in Leppington and Edmondson Park known as the South West Growth Centre.

On 7 April 2006 the Minister for Planning made an order under section 75B(1)(b) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ("Planning Act"), declaring that the SWRL is a project to which Part 3A of the Planning Act applies.

TIDC has now prepared a Project Application and Preliminary Environmental Assessment ("PA & PEA") for the SWRL which is contained in attachment 'A' to this letter. A PA form has also been prepared (Attachment 'B'). The PA & PEA for the SWRL has been prepared having regard to the draft guidelines produced by the DoP and following a Planning Focus Meeting held on 15 December 2005. TIDC has also had further consultations with DoP assessment officers.

On the basis of the PA & PEA, TIDC requests:

1. that the Minister, pursuant to section 75M(1) of the Planning Act, authorise TIDC to submit of a concept plan for the SWRL. In this respect, as indicated in Section 2.1 of the PA & PEA, TIDC believes that the submission of a Concept Plan is appropriate for the SWRL in view of the scale, timing and complexity of the project. The establishment of a rail corridor through a concept plan approval process will ensure better integration of land use and transport planning in the local government areas affected by the SWRL. Submission of a Concept Plan will also enable further community involvement in the detailed planning phase and in the refinement of

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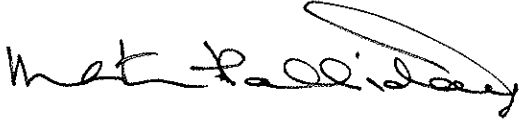


the project. In addition, it will provide TIDC with a greater level of certainty whilst retaining necessary flexibility for the refinement of the design.

2. that the Director-General prepare environmental assessment requirements for the SWRL under section 75F(2) of the Planning Act. In this regard, Chapter 5 of the PA & PEA identifies key environmental issues associated with the SWRL. Chapter 6 outlines the proposed scope of the environmental assessment of the SWRL.

I would be happy to provide any additional information to the Department should that be required.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Halliday". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Martin Halliday  
Director, Planning and Environment



# Major Projects application



NSW GOVERNMENT  
Department of Planning

Date received: 24/5/06

Project Application No. 06-0158

## 1. Before you lodge

This form is required to apply for the approval of the Minister to carry out a Project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (the Act) applies.

Before lodging this application, it is recommended that you first consult with the Department of Planning (the Department) concerning your Project.

Please be aware that you may need to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting before lodging this application involving the Department, relevant agencies, Council or other groups identified by the Department. If you are required to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting, you will need to provide details and outcomes arising from the meeting.

To ensure that your application is accepted as being duly made, you must

- complete ALL parts of this form, and
- submit all relevant information required by this form.

**All applications must be lodged with the Director-General, by courier or mail.**

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## 2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency		ABN
Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation		28 458 799 157
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
First name	Family name	
Martin	Halliday	
STREET ADDRESS		
Unit/street no.	Street name	
L7, Tower A	Zenith Centre, 821 – 823 Pacific Highway	
Suburb or town	State	Postcode
Chatswood	NSW	2067
POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')		
Locked Bag 6501		
Suburb or town	State	Postcode
St Leonards	NSW	2065
Daytime telephone	Fax	Mobile
02 9200 0200	02 9200 0290	
Email		
mail@tidc.nsw.gov.au		

### 3. Identify the land you propose to develop

#### STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

Suburb, town or locality

Postcode

Local government area

#### REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

OR: detailed description of land attached:

The real property description is found on a map of the land or on the title documents for the land. If you are unsure of the real property description, you should contact the Department of Lands.

Please ensure that you place a slash (/) to distinguish between the lot, section, DP and strata numbers. If the Major Project applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

Where the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and in lieu of completing the above, a description or detailed plan of the land affected must be included with the documents required with Part 4 below.

### 4. Proposed Major Project – Description and other Requirements

Provide a brief title for your Project that includes all significant components. If the application relates to only part of a Project, include a clear title that describes the relevant part.

Metropolitan Rail Expansion Program - South West Rail Link.

The proposal consists of a dual track, electrified railway line, approximately 12 kilometres long, between the existing junction of the East Hills Line and the Main South Line in Sydney's south-west. The proposal incorporates an upgraded station at Glenfield, two new stations at Edmondson Park and Leppington, and a stabling facility west of the planned Leppington town centre.

Is the application related only to a part of a Project?  Yes  No

You are also required to provide a Project Description Report and address any matters required by the Director-General in accordance with 75E of the Act. Failure to do so may lead to your application being rejected.

Is a Project Description attached:

Hard copy:  Yes  No

Electronic version:  Yes  No

(NB: An electronic copy is required as all applications must be provided on the Department's website. You should contact the Department on the correct electronic format).

Is the Project Description Report consistent with the requirements of any Guideline produced by the Department (including any draft)?  Yes  No

Does the Project Description Report include additional matters required by the Director-General, such as evidence of a Planning Focus Meeting and consultation?  Yes  No

#### CONCEPT APPROVAL

If you are applying for a **concept approval**, the Department's *Concept Approval Guideline* should be consulted and the matters identified therein must be addressed as part of your application.

Does the Project Description Report submitted address the relevant guidelines for Concept Approvals?  Yes  No

#### FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed Major Project. This should be expressed as a proportion of full time jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (full-time equivalent)

To be advised

**5. Approvals from state agencies**

Does the proposed Major Project require any of the following: (tick all appropriate)

- an aquaculture permit under section 144 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*
- an approval under section 15 of the *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961*
- a mining lease under the *Mining Act 1992*
- a production lease under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*
- an environment protection licence under Chapter 3 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (for any of the purposes referred to in section 43 of that Act)
- a consent under section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*

**6. Application fee**

You are required to pay a fee for the assessment of a Major Project. This fee is based on the estimated cost of the Major Project.

The Department requires that you pay a proportion of the total fee with this application and you should consult with the Department before lodging this application to determine the proportion to be paid.

Estimated Project Cost

To be advised

**7. Owner's Consent**

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this application being made on our behalf by the Proponent:

Signature

N/A

Signature

Name

Name

Date

Date

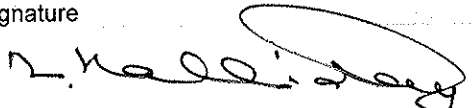
Note: The Department will not accept an application for a Major Project without having the signature of the owner of the land, **unless** the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

**8. Proponent's Signatures**

As the proponent(s) of the proposed Major Project and in signing below, I/we hereby:

- provide a description of the proposed Project and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75E of the Act, and
- apply, subject to satisfying Clause 8D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, for the Director-General Environmental Assessment Requirements pursuant to Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
- declare that all information contained within this application is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature



In what capacity are you signing if you are not the proponent

Name

Martin Halliday  
Director, Planning & Environment

Name, if you are not the proponent

Date

24.6.06