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Director-General
Department of Planning
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Attn: Mr Scott Jeffries

3 August 2009

West Metro - Lodgement of Project Application and Preliminary Environmental Assessment

Dear Sam,

On 30 June 2009 the NSW Government announced 11 proposed stations and a corridor alignment for the first extension of the Sydney Metro - the West Metro between Westmead, Parramatta and the CBD.

The West Metro will connect directly to the CBD Metro at Central Station creating a 24.1 km long line to Westmead, with new stations proposed at Westmead, Parramatta, Camellia, Silverwater, Sydney Olympic Park, Strathfield, Burwood, Five Dock, Leichhardt, Camperdown and Broadway-Sydney University.

Together with the CBD Metro, the West Metro, as a completely new mode of mass transit represents a significant change in public transport provision for Sydney. It has the potential to generate a fundamental shift in the pattern of urban growth by supporting regeneration and renewal of inner and middle ring suburbs, linking population and employment centres, and thus contributing to sustainable growth of Sydney, NSW and Australia.

The Minister for Planning declared all metro projects to be critical infrastructure under Section 75C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 (EP&A Act). The declaration was gazetted on 2 May 2008.

The Minister for Planning, pursuant to Section 75B(1) of the EP&A Act, declared the West Metro as a major infrastructure project to which Part 3A applies. The declaration was gazetted on 10 July 2009.

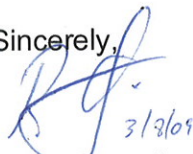
Sydney Metro is a statutory authority established under Part 6A of the *Transport Administration Act 1988* having as its principal function the development of metro railway systems. It will be the governing body responsible for the development and delivery of the CBD Metro and future extensions.

This Preliminary Environmental Assessment has been prepared to support a Project Application in accordance with Section 75E of the EP&A Act for the project. It responds to

the statutory approval process requirements by characterising the Project and baseline environmental conditions, and undertaking a preliminary assessment of likely environmental impacts. It identifies the key environmental issues to be addressed during the Environmental Assessment and seeks environmental assessment requirements for the project in accordance with Section 75F(2) of the EP&A Act.

Should you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Martin Halliday, Group General Manager Station Precincts & Project Approvals, on 8238 2700, or Julian Ardas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Stapples', with a checkmark and the date '3/2/09' written below it.

Rodd Stapples

Acting Chief Executive Officer

