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Attention: Ms Catherine Otto

Dear Mr Woodland,

**MAJOR PROJECT – REDEVELOPMENT OF STAMFORD  
PLAZA HOTEL, DOUBLE BAY (MP08\_0100)**

I refer to the Department's letter seeking comments on the publicly exhibited environmental assessment for the above project. The Ministry of Transport appreciates this opportunity to provide input.

The Ministry has reviewed the accompanying environmental assessment prepared by Architectus Sydney Pty Ltd (February 2008), including the Transport and Accessibility Report, and provides the following comments for the Department's consideration.

- a) It is understood that the proposed car parking provision is well below the number required under Council's applicable development control plan. While this is supported, the Ministry would encourage that further reduction in number be considered and explored, in light of the subject site's proximity to public transport. Research by the Transport Data Centre within the Ministry has established a causal link between increased car parking provision and reduced public transport usage. This is contrary to claims in the report that good access to public transport by itself will encourage public transport use on site.

b) There is scope for the identification and adoption of travel demand management measures as part of the proposal to address mode shift to public and non-car transport. The following initiatives are recommended for inclusion in the proposal:

- The use of 'car share' schemes for employees on-site;
- Potential assistance for employees to access work by public transport, through salary packaging options and other incentives;
- The preparation of a Travel Access Guide (TAG) to inform staff and visitors to the site of public and active transport options; and
- The provision of adequate and secure bicycle storage facilities as well as cyclist amenities for both staff, residents and visitors as part of the development. The Ministry recommends the Department of Planning's Guidelines for Walking and Cycling (2004) for review.

It is suggested that these measures be detailed in a workplace travel plan and that they are included in final statement of commitments and/or terms of approval to ensure their implementation.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Jose Sevilla Jr on 9268 2833 or email [jose.sevilla@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jose.sevilla@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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