

19 October 2009

Michael Woodland
Director Urban Assessments
Department of Planning
23-33 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Michael

**Re: Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre – Proposed Retail Expansion
Request for Declaration as a Major Project**

AMP Capital Investors (AMPCI) is the owner of the Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre at 34 Victoria Road, Marrickville, including the land to the immediate south at 13-55 Edinburgh Road, Marrickville.

Further to our recent meeting of 12 October 2009, it is AMPCI's vision to re-vitalise Marrickville Metro and create a town centre for the surrounding community. It is proposed to expand the shopping centre in order to achieve additional retail floorspace of approximately 23,000 square metres. The project has a capital investment value of approximately \$140million and therefore represents a significant project in terms of employment and economic development for NSW.

Enclosed is a detailed report which provides the basis and justification for our request for declaration as a Major Project and includes a Preliminary Environmental Assessment.

We formally request that:

1. The Minister for Planning form an opinion that the proposal is of a kind described in Group 5 in Schedule 1 (classes of development) of State Environmental Planning Policy - Major Development (2005) (Major Development SEPP).
2. Provided the Minister forms the opinion that the project is one to which Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 ("the Act") applies, the Minister authorise the proponent to submit a Concept Plan Application for the proposed retail development associated with the Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre; and

3. The Director General issues the Director General Requirements to inform the preparation of an Environmental Assessment to accompany the Concept Plan for the proposed development.

AMPCI is willing to work with all key stakeholders during the assessment process in order to achieve the most optimal outcome for the site.

We look forward to your favourable consideration of this request and please contact Vanessa Walker on 9257 1893 if you have any questions or wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'L' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Louise Mason
Head of Development AMP Capital Investors

Copy: Matthew Daniel – Department of Planning