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Attention: Ms Amy Watson

Dear Mr Woodland,

**EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONCEPT PLAN  
AND STAGE 1 PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE  
JEWISH HOME (MP 09\_0188 & MP10\_0044)**

I refer to your letter dated 20 September 2010 seeking advice on the Environmental Assessment report and Stage 1 Project Application regarding the above mentioned project. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on this application.

The draft Environmental Assessment contains a number of positive initiatives for increasing mode share to public transport, including:

- Promotion of a car sharing scheme for staff; and
- A commitment to the provision of end of trip facilities for cyclists.

Despite this, TNSW is concerned that the environmental assessment has not fully addressed the following Director General's Requirements (DGRs) which require further consideration:

- The EA must demonstrate the provision of sufficient on-site car parking for the proposal having regard to local planning controls and RTA guidelines (*Note: the Department supports reduced car parking rates in areas well-served by public transport*) [emphasis added]; and

- Provide an assessment of the implications of the proposed development for non-car travel modes (including public transport, walking and cycling), *potential for implementing a sustainable travel plan for staff and visitors* and provision of facilities to increase non car mode travel [emphasis added].

Further, the Environmental Assessment and Traffic Assessment Report does not consider the targets and initiatives of the Metropolitan Transport Plan – Connecting the City of Cities (MTP), the NSW State Plan 2010 and the draft East Subregional Strategy, as per the recommendations in the DGRs. These matter require further attention.

TNSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment report and supporting Traffic Assessment Report and has prepared a number of specific comments, which are separately attached.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ben Colmer on 9268 2259 or email: [ben.colmer@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ben.colmer@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
SIR MOSES MONTFIORE JEWISH HOME (MP09\_0188 & MP10\_0044)  
DETAILED COMMENTS

Car parking provision

TNSW supports a minimalist approach to car parking in locations well serviced by public transport. Given the accessibility of the site to a number of strategic bus corridors as well as walking and cycling facilities, TNSW recommends car parking provision to a maximum of 174 spaces in accordance with the rates recommended in Randwick City Council's Development Control Plan - Parking (1998). Opportunities to reduce this provision should be considered in relation to the preparation of a Workplace Travel Plan (WTP).

Mode share target to public and active transport

The NSW State Plan (2010) sets a mode share target to public transport for work trips of 28% by 2016. TNSW notes that the existing mode share to the development by public transport is 20%. As a minimum, the proponent should justify parking rates and other measures to encourage public transport use against achieving a 28% mode share to public transport, in accordance with the State Plan target.

Sustainable Transport Measures

TNSW notes the proponent's consideration of a number of sustainable transport options including a car sharing scheme, bicycle facilities and fleet cars. TNSW requests that Travel Demand Management measures be included as part of WTP for staff. Information on how to prepare a WTP is available at [www.pcal.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au). The WTP can include initiatives such as the following:

- a. Provision of car pooling and car share spaces in priority locations;
- b. Discounted annual public transport tickets for staff;
- c. Preparation of a Travel Access Guide (TAG) for visitors to the site. Information on how to prepare a TAG is available at [www.ta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ta.nsw.gov.au).

Bicycle parking and end of trip facilities

TNSW supports the proponent's commitment to providing end of trip facilities for cyclists and pedestrians. TNSW requests that bicycle parking for staff should be prioritised in convenient locations that are well lit, sheltered and secure. Provision should also be made for visitor bicycle parking at grade and located close to major entrances in well lit and secure locations. The Department's Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling (2004) and the NSW BikePlan (2010) provide relevant context and specifications.