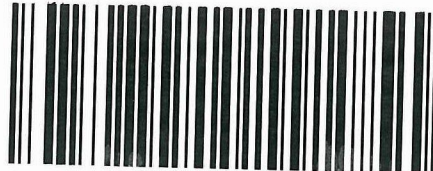




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Att: Ruth Allen

Dear Mr Bennett,

**NORTH PENRITH DEFENCE SITE -
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT
STATE SIGNIFICANT SITE LISTING, CONCEPT PLAN
AND STAGE 1 PROJECT APPLICATION (MP 10_0075 AND MP 10_0078)**

I refer to your letter dated 13 December 2010 seeking advice on the Environmental Assessment report regarding the abovementioned proposal. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to comment.

TNSW has reviewed the State Significant Site Concept Plan, Environmental Assessment (EA) report and supporting Transport Mobility and Accessibility Plan (TMAP). In accordance with Director General's Requirements, the proponent consulted with TNSW in developing the EA.

By way of clarification, the Director General's Requirement (DGR) for "provision for a public transport corridor through the site which shall include a grade separated road crossing of the railway" is intended to ensure the opportunity for TNSW to explore options for long term improvement of bus connections to Penrith City Centre.

Suggestions in the TMAP that the potential link is a "planned" project overstate the present situation given that the potential link is unfunded and would require further investigation into its feasibility prior to any consideration in the longer term.

Early identification and protection of corridors is consistent with transport objectives in the *Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036*. These include bus priority measures on key bus corridors, and identifying and protecting key corridors for the future expansion of the transport network, including corridors with long term potential.

TNSW is also completing the *Penrith Regional City Transport Strategy*, which will include consideration of future connections to Penrith City Centre from adjoining precincts such as North Penrith. The strategy will focus on transport needs in Penrith Regional City, meeting *NSW State Plan* targets for public transport use and increasing opportunities for walking and cycling. The proposed development is consistent with these objectives.

TNSW considers that DGRs pertaining to active and public transport have been satisfied, subject to further detailed comment from the Roads and Traffic Authority and RailCorp. TNSW also supports the low allocation of car parking and efforts to integrate walking, cycling, existing commuter parking and public transport with the proposal.

Footpaths on both sides of roads and provision for safe cycle access to achieve a walkable and permeable precinct should be required in any conditions of consent, as should sufficient measures to ensure ongoing protection of a corridor on the site to permit the construction and operation of a potential future bus roadway across the rail line.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Chris Walsh on 8202 2520 or via chris.walsh@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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