

5 CONSULTATION AND ISSUES RAISED

5.1 Public Exhibition

- 5.1.1 Section 75H(3) of the EP&A Act requires that once the Environmental Assessment ("EA") has been accepted by the Director General, the Director General must, in accordance with any guidelines published in the Gazette, make the EA publicly available for at least 30 days. The Director General has not published any specific guidelines in relation to the public exhibition of the Project Application.
- 5.1.2 Broadly the process followed in terms of the public exhibition was as follows:
- The application was placed on public exhibition from 6 September 2006 until 6 October 2006.
 - Copies of the EA were available for inspection at the Liverpool City Council offices and the Department of Planning's offices in Sydney during the exhibition period.
 - Details of the application were published in the Sydney Morning Herald, Liverpool Leader and Liverpool Champion and made available on the Department of Planning's website.
 - Copies of the EA were forwarded to relevant Government agencies, key stakeholders and adjoining businesses.
 - Approximately 1300 landowners in the vicinity of the site were notified and invited to make submissions.
- 5.1.3 In response, the Department received 7 written submissions from a number of agencies (RailCorp, Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation, NSW Heritage Office, Liverpool City Council, Sydney Buses, Ministry of Transport, and Department of Education and Training) and key stakeholders, and 3 public submissions which raised a number of issues. Copies of submissions received for the project application are provided at Appendix E together with a summary table setting out all issues raised during the exhibition period. The Department forwarded these responses to the proponent on 16 October 2006. The Department subsequently received one further public submission following this period which was forwarded to the proponent.
- 5.1.4 The following planning issues were raised during the exhibition period and are addressed in Section 6:
- Community Facilities and Socio Economic Impacts
 - Conservation, Heritage and Archaeology
 - Public Transport Provision and Pedestrian and Cycle Linkages
 - Traffic Generation and Management
 - Car Parking
 - Access Across Rail Crossing, Preservation of Rail Corridor and Associated Land Acquisition
 - Staging
 - Infrastructure
 - Developer Contributions
- 5.1.5 On 22 December 2006 the proponent lodged a response to the issues raised in those submissions together with a preferred project report and a revised statement of commitments pursuant to Section 75H(6) of the Act. These are provided at Appendices B, C and D.

5.2 Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel

- 5.2.1 Section 75G of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act provides that the Minister may constitute an independent panel to assess any aspect of a project. No panel was constituted for the purposes of Section 75G.