



# Transport

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Attention: Ben Eveleigh

Dear Mr Cavallo,

**EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION  
OF NORTH SYDNEY SHORE SCHOOL ON TO GRAYTHWAITE SITE – CONCEPT  
PLAN (MP10\_0149) AND STAGE 1 PROJECT APPLICATION (MP10\_0150)**

I refer to your letter dated 19 January 2011 seeking advice on the Environmental Assessment for the above matter. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

TNSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) and supporting Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment and notes that the proposal does not adequately address the Director General's Requirements (DGRs) in regards to supporting sustainable transport.

In order to support the proposal, TNSW requests that a number of matters be resolved in relation to the objectives, targets and initiatives of the *NSW State Plan 2010*, the *Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036*, *Integrating Land Use and Transport* policy package, and *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling*. These matters are:

- 1) The proposed parking provision rate of 1 space per 1.46 staff members is not consistent with the DGRs to "...demonstrate a minimal approach to on-site car parking having regard the site's accessibility to public transport" or to "... identify measures to manage travel demand, increase use of public and non-car transport modes, and assist in achieving the objectives and targets set out in the NSW State Plan".

In order to support a mode shift to non-car transport, TNSW requests that the proposal apply the maximum rate of 1 space per 6 staff for an educational establishment under the North Sydney Development Control Plan (DCP) 2002, inclusive of proposed parking on the Graythwaite Site.

The proposal represents an opportunity to improve the rate of non-car transport usage at the school, which currently features a high level of private car use despite proximity to public transport services. It is noted from the Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment that most staff and students arrive and depart from the school during regular business hours, which is supported by existing public transport services available in North Sydney.

- 2) In combination with the reduced parking rate, TNSW requests that the proponent be required to prepare a Workplace Travel Plan (WTP) prior to project approval to encourage staff to use public transport, walk or cycle to work as an alternative to driving. The WTP should contain measurable targets for use of non-car modes among staff members. As part of WTPs, the NSW Government supports measures such as bulk purchase of public transport tickets, purchase of bicycles for rental or discounted sale to employees, awareness raising of public transport, walking and cycling options, and distribution of guides and local maps. The WTP should be prepared to the approval of TNSW and should be reviewed annually to ensure the mode share targets are met.
- 3) Bike parking and facilities should be provided in accordance with the rates and design specifications of the *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling* and this should be formally committed in the Statement of Commitments or the conditions of consent, should the project be approved. Shower and change room facilities should be provided for staff members traveling to the site by active transport.
- 4) The Construction Traffic Management Plan should include measures to mitigate any impacts on pedestrians and cyclists and public transport users.

Additionally, it is noted that the Transport and Accessibility Impact Assessment has not been prepared with reference to all of the key policy documents required by the DGRs. The following documents have not been addressed and require further detailed consideration:

- *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling*, NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources, Roads and Traffic Authority, 2004
- *Integrating Land Use and Transport Policy Package*, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Transport NSW, 2001
- *Guide to Traffic Generating Development*, RTA, 2002
- *NSW BikePlan*, NSW Government, 2010.

For additional information and resources on active transport, the Active Transport Planner's Toolkit is attached.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. The contact officer for this matter is Hanna Cihal, who can be reached on (02) 8202 - 2263 or by email at [hanna.cihal@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hanna.cihal@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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## ACTIVE TRANSPORT PLANNER'S TOOLKIT

### STATE PLANNING FRAMEWORK

- *State Plan*  
[www.nsw.gov.au/stateplan](http://www.nsw.gov.au/stateplan)
- *Metropolitan Transport Plan*  
<http://www.nsw.gov.au/metropolitantransportplan>
- *Sydney's Metropolitan Strategy* and subregional strategies  
<http://www.metrostrategy.nsw.gov.au/>
- Regional strategies (outside the Sydney metropolitan area)  
<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/StrategicPlanning/Regionalstrategies/tabid/161/language/en-US/Default.aspx>
- *Integrating Land Use and Transport policy package*  
[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/abouttrans/planners-land-use.html](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/abouttrans/planners-land-use.html) (TNSW)  
[http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/programservices/pdf/prg\\_transport.pdf](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/programservices/pdf/prg_transport.pdf) (DoP)
- Local planning directions under section 117 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (see Direction 3.4)  
[www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LocalEnvironmentalPlans/LocalPlanningDirections/tabid/248/Default.aspx](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LocalEnvironmentalPlans/LocalPlanningDirections/tabid/248/Default.aspx)

### NATIONAL

- 2005-10 *National Cycling Strategy* (Australian Bicycle Council)  
[www.austroads.com.au/documents/TheAustralianNationalCyclingStrategy2005-2010.pdf](http://www.austroads.com.au/documents/TheAustralianNationalCyclingStrategy2005-2010.pdf)
- TravelSmart  
[www.travelsmart.gov.au](http://www.travelsmart.gov.au)
- Pedestrian Council of Australia  
[www.walk.com.au/pedestriancouncil/page.asp](http://www.walk.com.au/pedestriancouncil/page.asp)

### GUIDELINES

- *Planning Guidelines for Walking and Cycling* (NSW Government, 2004)  
[www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plansforaction/pdf/guide\\_pages.pdf](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/plansforaction/pdf/guide_pages.pdf)
- *Planning and design guidelines on designing places for active living* and *Why Active Living* Statement. Premier's Council for Active Living (PCAL)  
[www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/)

- *Healthy Urban Development Checklist* (NSW Health 2010)  
[http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2010/hud\\_checklist.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2010/hud_checklist.html)
- *Draft NSW Bikeplan*  
[http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/new\\_nsw\\_bikeplan\\_-\\_whats\\_happening](http://www.pcal.nsw.gov.au/new_nsw_bikeplan_-_whats_happening)
- *Healthy Spaces and Places: A National Guide*  
[www.healthyplaces.org.au/site/](http://www.healthyplaces.org.au/site/)
- *Healthy by Design*  
<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/Healthy%20by%20Design.pdf>
- *Planning for Healthy Urban Environments*  
[www.heartfoundation.org.au/active\\_by\\_design](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/active_by_design)
- *Promoting Active Transport: An Intervention Portfolio to Increase Physical Activity as a means of Transport*. The National Public Health Partnership  
[www.nphp.gov.au/publications/sigpah/active.pdf](http://www.nphp.gov.au/publications/sigpah/active.pdf)
- *Green travel options and Transport Access Guides* (RTA)  
[www.rta.nsw.gov.au/hubpages/hub\\_greentravel.html?hlid=greentravel](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/hubpages/hub_greentravel.html?hlid=greentravel)
- *NSW Bicycle Guidelines* (RTA, 2003) and *How to Prepare a Bikeplan* (RTA 2002)  
[http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/downloads/bicycle\\_guidelines.html](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/downloads/bicycle_guidelines.html)
- *How to Prepare a Pedestrian Access & Mobility Plan* (RTA 2002)  
[www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/downloads/technicalmanuals/mobility-plan\\_how-to.pdf](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/downloads/technicalmanuals/mobility-plan_how-to.pdf)
- *Producing and using Transport and Access Guides* (RTA, SEDA)  
[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/transport-access-guide.pdf](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/transport-access-guide.pdf)
- *TravelSmart Bikeability Toolkit*  
<http://www.travelsmart.gov.au/bikeability/>

## RESEARCH

- Bureau of Transport Statistics, Transport NSW  
<http://www.bts.nsw.gov.au/>
- Regional transport profiles  
[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/abouttrans/planners.html](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/abouttrans/planners.html)

## ADDITIONAL CYCLING RESOURCES

- Bicycle Information for New South Wales  
<http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/>
- The Bicycle Federation of Australia  
<http://www.bfa.asn.au/>
- Cycling Resource Centre  
[www.cyclingresourcecentre.org.au](http://www.cyclingresourcecentre.org.au)

- Bicycle New South Wales (*Local Bicycle User Groups*)  
[www.bicyclensw.org.au/](http://www.bicyclensw.org.au/)  
[www.pushon.com.au/Admin/listBUGs.asp](http://www.pushon.com.au/Admin/listBUGs.asp)
- The Pedestrian and Bicycle Transport Institute of Australasia  
<http://www.pedbiketrans.asn.au/>
- *Bike Buses*  
[www.bikebus.org.au/](http://www.bikebus.org.au/)
- *Bikely*  
[www.bikely.com](http://www.bikely.com)
- *Map My Ride*  
[www.mapmyride.com](http://www.mapmyride.com)
- *Cycling Promotion Fund*  
[www.cyclingpromotion.com.au](http://www.cyclingpromotion.com.au)

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