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16 May 2017

Dear «Salutation»,

RE: B-LINE, THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL AND BEACHES LINK

At its meeting of the 1 May 2017, North Sydney Council resolved to urgently write to NSW Government to express its concerns regarding the state government's B-Line, Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link projects and to request that any further work on these projects be suspended until a holistic and integrated land use and transport plan for Sydney's Northern District is developed. Council suggests that this plan should be delivered by the Greater Sydney Commission, in its role as Sydney's infrastructure and land use planning coordinator, in collaboration with Transport for NSW. Council further suggests that the transport plan should include:

1. a holistic assessment of the problems to be addressed¹;
2. identification of a vision for addressing these problems that is consistent with overarching principals outlined in *A Plan for Growing Sydney* and the *NSW Long Term Transport Masterplan*²;
3. early community consultation to help identify preliminary project options;
4. a formal options assessment, based on clear vision based assessment criteria;
5. further consultation to determine public support for identified option/s; and
6. delivery of a strategic business case for the preferred transport plan option/s.

¹population growth, increased travel demand and traffic demand/supply imbalances between the Northern Beaches and Global Sydney

²planning for future population growth, increased travel demand and delivering a safe, efficient and integrated transport system for Sydney's Northern District

In its current form, the Northern Beaches B-line, Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link projects represent a missed opportunity for the provision of a world class transport system for Sydney's Northern District.

North Sydney Council appreciates your consideration of the matters outlined in this letter. If you would like to discuss the comments above, please contact Joseph Hill, Director City Strategy on 9936 8300.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Panuccio
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Cc: Premier Gladys Berejiklian
Andrew Constance, Minister for Transport
Melinda Pavey, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
Ms Felicity Wilson, Member of North Shore
Mr Luke Foley, Leader of the NSW Opposition
Ms Jody McKay, Shadow Minister for Transport, Roads, Maritime and Freight
Infrastructure NSW
Infrastructure Australia
The Greater Sydney Commission
CBD Coordination Office, TfNSW