



1 March 2017

The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister

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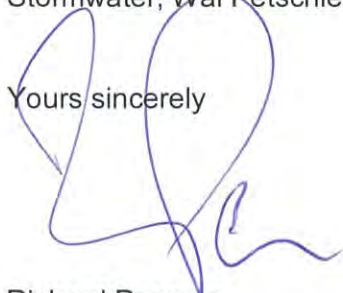
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Yours sincerely



Richard Pearson
Administrator



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Minister for Western Sydney,
Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport
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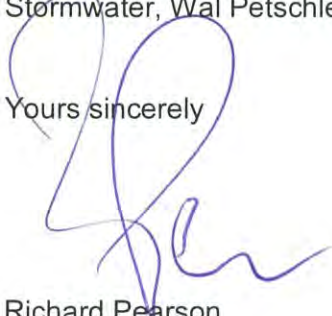
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Member for Heffron
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299-301 Marrickville Road
MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204

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JO HAYLEN MP

STATE MEMBER FOR SUMMER HILL

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Inner West Council
PO Box 14
PETERSHAM NSW 2049

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Richard,
Dear Administrator,

Thank you for sending me a letter on 1 March 2017 advising of the need to resolve flooding and associated issues at the Camdenville Basin.

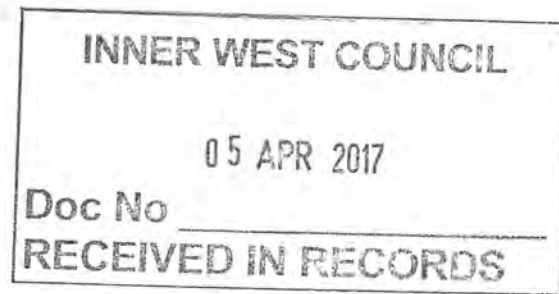
I appreciate the advocacy of Inner West Council in ensuring government agencies consider an integrated approach to this issue, which resolves the problem of flooding and minimises the impact on the Camdenville Basin.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Minister for Roads and Minister for WestConnex asking that they look at how an integrated approach to this issue may be achieved.

Thank you again for keeping me informed of this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Haylen MP
Member for Summer Hill



Mr Richard Pearson
Administrator
Inner West Council
PO Box 45
LEICHARDT NSW 2040

Dear Mr Pearson

Re: Camdenville Basin and flooding in St Peters

Thank you for your letter regarding the Camdenville Basin.

The current New M5 drainage design would not preclude Inner West Council's (IWC) proposal to use the Camdenville Basin as a wetland. In addition to this, the drainage being built as part of the New M5 will significantly improve the flooding situation currently experienced in the vicinity of the Camdenville Basin.

As background, the New M5 project team have been regularly liaising with IWC and the former Marrickville Council since early 2015 on matters relating to Camdenville Park and the flood detention basin. The New M5 contractor, CPB Contractors Dragados Samsung Joint Venture have been involved in these discussions since late 2015.

In line with the New M5 Conditions of Approval (CoA), the New M5 project must not increase flooding downstream of Camdenville Basin and must comply with afflux criteria within and in the vicinity of the project study area (in line with CoA B23). The New M5 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) proposed the potential solution of enlarging the existing detention basin by excavating to lower ground levels and constructing supplementary underground detention storage in the vicinity of the basin, noting that the final strategy would be confirmed during detailed design. IWC have been provided with regular updates on detailed design progress since the New M5 EIS exhibition.

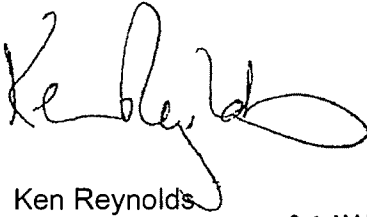
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Given that additional detention volume could not be provided at the Camdenville Basin, the developed design proceeded with underground storage at Campbell Street in the vicinity of the Basin (in accordance with the EIS, Appendix N, Section 7.2.2). An option of increasing the pumped

discharge rate from the basin was investigated and discounted when jointly reviewed with the Sydney Metro Project due to adverse impacts on the Eastern Channel.

We understand IWC and Sydney Water are investigating IWC's preferred option for flood management in the vicinity of Camdenville Basin. The New M5 will provide the latest flood model to Sydney Water as soon as it is available to assist with this study. The New M5 team will continue to liaise with Sydney Water and IWC on the outcome of the study and may implement reasonable and feasible findings which are consistent with the New M5 Conditions of Approval and project scope.

Yours sincerely

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Ken Reynolds

31 MAR 2017

New M5 Director



6 April 2017

Mr Richard Pearson
Administrator
Inner West Council
2-14 Fisher Street
PETERSHAM NSW 2049 NSW

Email: council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Pearson,

Thank you for your recent correspondence in relation to Council's suggestion for an integrated approach between the Departments of Roads, Maritime and Freight, Transport and Infrastructure, and Planning and Environment, towards flood mitigation in the St Peters region.

It is vital that, where possible, all levels of government take an integrated and sensible approach to any matter of public policy. In particular, I note your comments that it is likely that an integrated approach to the St Peters flood mitigation matter could deliver comparable flood mitigation, for a comparable cost, with a reduced range of disadvantages.

I wish to advise that I have raised your concerns with the Hon. Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Westconnex, the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure and the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Anthony Roberts.

I shall contact you again once I have received a response to my inquiries but, in the meantime, should you have any further concerns or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9699 8166.

Yours sincerely,

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Ron Hoenig MP



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2-14 Fisher Street
PETERSHAM NSW 2049

Dear Mr Pearson

Thank you for writing to the Hon Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning, about flood mitigation in St Peters relating to works for WestConnex New M5 and the Sydney Metro. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I appreciate your bringing these matters to my attention. Please be assured that the Department of Planning and Environment and relevant State agencies are working together in the consideration of possible flooding impacts linked with both projects.

I have been advised that Sydney Water will assess the preferred solution to flooding problems that the Inner West Council put forward at the meeting involving Sydney Motorway Corporation, the New M5 project team, Sydney Metro and Sydney Water on 22 February this year.

Once Sydney Water has finished this assessment, Sydney Motorway Corporation will work with Council and Sydney Water to see how feasible this solution would be in the context of the WestConnex Stage 2 works. Sydney Motorway Corporation will also consult with local councils when it prepares its stormwater drainage report.

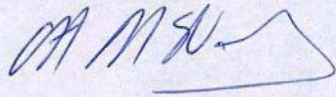
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Transport for NSW has committed to design the Sydney Metro project to minimise changes to flood characteristics during construction and operation, with the objective of not worsening these characteristics. It will also consult with Council to ensure the Sydney Metro is consistent with Council's flood risk management strategy.



If you have any more questions relating to these projects, please contact Ms Stacy Warren, Director, Infrastructure Management, at the Department on 9274 6435.

Yours sincerely

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Carolyn McNally
Secretary

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