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## RE: Canterbury Rd Overpass, Canterbury. NSW DA For Continued Signage Use, Structural Feasibility and Safety Report

## 1.0 Introduction

This assessment has been conducted by Dennis Bunt Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd (DBCE) at the request of Keylan. No responsibility under the law of contract, tort or otherwise for any loss or damage is accepted.

The purpose of this assessment was to perform a structural and safety review of the existing signs at Canterbury Rd Overpass, Canterbury for the DA approval by TfNSW for Continued Signage use.

The existing signage was inspected on the 12th of September 2024 as part of DBCE's ongoing maintenance inspections for JCDecaux.

The existing signage was documented by DBCE on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Of September 2024 for TfNSW, drawing number DS2024/001015, DA01(1).

The following documents were used in this assessment.

1. Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines, NSW Government (November 2017)

2. AS1170.0-2002 Structural design actions Part 0: General principles

3. AS1170.1-2002 Structural design actions Part 1: Permanent, imposed and other actions.

4. AS1170.2-2021 Structural design actions Part 2: Wind actions

5. AS4100-2020 Steel structures.6. AS5100-2017 Bridge design.

7. AS1657-2018 Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways, and ladders - Design, construction and installation

This report was limited to a visual examination only and no calculations were performed.

## 2.0 Observations/ Discussion

The existing signs are backlit landmark signs. The signs consist of steel boxes that are fixed to each side of a concrete girder footbridge located over Canterbury Rd. There are steel frames bolted to each side of the bridge's steel safety screen. Horizontal rails are fixed to the frames. Z brackets are fixed to the back of the sign boxes and the brackets fit over the rails connecting the boxes to the support frames. Each sign face is 22.5m horizontal x 1.8m vertical. Refer to photo 1 to 5 and 8 to 10.

The sign boxes are located on the outside of the safety screen. Access to each sign box is from a hatch in the side of the safety screen. Refer to photo 4, 5 and 9. There are platforms between the safety screen and the sign boxes to step on when accessing each box. There is a hatch in the top of each sign box and a permanent ladder inside each sign box underneath the hatches.

Each sign box consists of steel structure on all sides of the box except for the front where a PVC banner tensioned with ratchet straps is fixed. There are fluorescent lights fixed to the back of each box to illuminate the advertising signs at night.

When the banners are replaced, it is done from a walkway inside each box without having to stop the traffic below the signs. There is a horizontal cable running the length of each box that workers replacing the banner can fix their harnesses to. Refer to photo 6,7 and 10.

Safety cables to stop the boxes falling onto the road during vehicle impact have been installed. Refer to photo 1 and 2.

## 3.0 Recommendations/ Conclusions

- The sign boxes are in accordance with the relevant Australian standards and Transport Corridor Outdoor Advertising and Signage Guidelines, NSW Government (November 2017)
  - DBCE note there are safety cables fixed to the rear of each box and the bridge to prevent the sign boxes falling on traffic should it be impacted by high vehicles in accordance with Section 1.2 e of the guidelines.
- The steel frames connecting the sign boxes to the bridge and the sign boxes are both galvanised and in good condition.
- The structure and the sign box are rated as category 2 by DBCE. ie Minimal damage, minor localised surface corrosion but serviceable. Re-inspection required approximately 2 years from the time of the last inspection.

• There are presently no structural or safety issues requiring fixing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ring the undersigned on 0400 023 714

Yours Faithfully,

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Photo 1



Photo 2



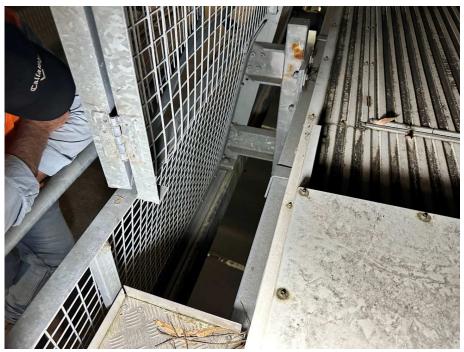


Photo 4



Photo 5

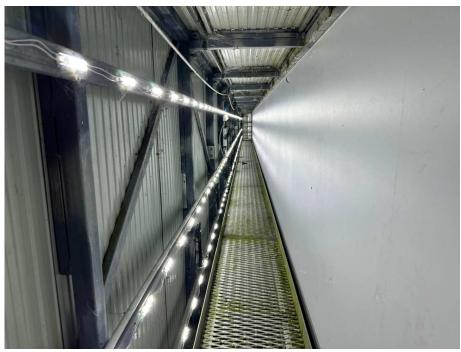


Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9

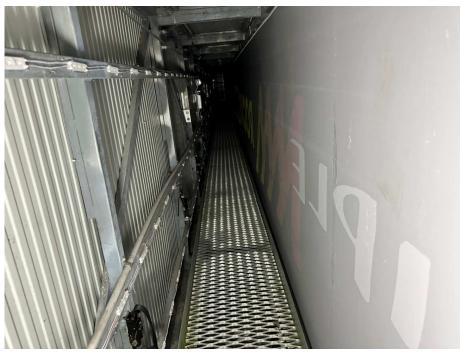


Photo 10



Photo 11



Photo 12