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Attention: Brett Maynard

Director

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CarSharing for 44-48 Oxford Street Epping

CarShare Australia would like to confirm our support for GoGet carshare on site at 44-48 Oxford Street, Epping. A car sharing program offers local residents and businesses access to a fleet of cars parked close to where they live and work for occasional use. The vehicles are parked in a dedicated location, called a pod, and are returned to that spot at the end of each trip. Car sharing services operate to fill a mobility 'gap' that exists between private car ownership, which is inefficient, expensive and unsustainable and public transport, walking and cycling, which can generally suit most local transport needs. A car sharing service in the development would increase transport efficiencies in the area and encourage public transport usage by residents and the surrounding community.

GoGet has established its presence in Epping with over 280 members sharing 9 vehicles currently. We have seen a large uptake of carshare in the area and expect this to increase rapidly with the opening on the new Metro line.

For the Parramatta LGA we estimate that 1 carshare vehicle can comfortably replace 10-12 vehicles. This is based on available statistical data¹, our membership data and our Annual membership survey data. This number is supported by the NSW land and environment court rulings².

Carshare pods located within close proximity of key transport corridors like the metro experience the strongest uptake of carshare uses because members enjoy the added convenience of being able to access a carshare to undertake their short-distance errands once alighted from main transport nodes. This is further encouraged by the assurance of a reserved car space (our pods) to return the carshare vehicle before members continue their journeys via the main transport lines again.

With the committing to subsidising membership for tenants/residents of this development scheme, we expect even higher adoption rates of the service, thus allowing residents to no longer need to own private cars and relieves pressure to the limited on-street parking. With these factors we would be supportive of 5 GoGet vehicles on site, accessible to all GoGet members, causing this new develop to bring a service to the larger Epping Community.

¹ 2016 Bureau of Statistics HTS Data

² 2016 Turner Architects vs Botany Bay Council



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Overall, a car sharing program provides a reliable, convenient and affordable alternative to private car ownership. It has the following advantages:

1. Allows people to live car-free, and businesses to reduce underutilized vehicles;
2. Promotes alternative transport options such as public transport, cycling or walking;
3. Decreases car usage which improves local air quality and promotes local businesses;
4. Removes private cars from local streets and car parks freeing up parking.

Should you require further information please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,



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