



SYDNEY CENTRAL CITY PLANNING PANEL
ADDENDUM TO COUNCIL ASSESSMENT REPORT

Panel Reference	PPSSCC-100
DA Number	DA/277/2020
LGA	Parramatta
Proposed Development	Construction of the new Aquatic Leisure Centre Parramatta.

Reason for the addendum report

To consider a late submission to the application from Bus NSW and subsequent representation from TfNSW received at 12.50pm today.

Summary of the Bus NSW submission

Bus NSW made a submission to the application on 18 November 2020, after the closing date of the public exhibition period, and also raised this matter directly with Transport for NSW.

The issues raised by Bus NSW are summarised below:

We understand that this facility will be used year round, and will be a significant attractor for community and school groups, carnival s and competitions.

However there is no provision for the parking of buses and coaches, either as part of the facility or within proximity to the site.

Response

A meeting was held 9 December 2020 with multiple representatives of Bus NSW, TfNSW and Council. The advice provided to Bus NSW is summarised below:

- There are no controls within the design competition brief, the masterplan, DCP or LEP which require the provision of onsite bus/coach parking.
- The need for such was not identified by either the applicant's traffic consultant, council's independent traffic consultant or TfNSW.
- The Argyle Street Bus Interchange is already at capacity, with no layover space available.
- Council identified the possibility that the relocated bus lane in Park Parade could be used as a bus layover, outside of peak hours, but that was not supported by TfNSW
- It is acknowledged that there may be a need for the CBD to accommodate sufficient bus layover space in the CBD, but that is a wider a strategic issue, and not once which could or should be addressed by individual DAs.
- The design makes provision for set down / pick up for up to two coaches at one time which on occasions (if required) could also be used for coach parking
- A condition of approval is recommended to prepare an event traffic and transport management plan prior to the opening of the site, which requires the applicant to consider the movement of buses and coaches.

Representation from TfNSW

Following our meeting yesterday with BusNSW and yourselves to discuss their concerns regarding coach operations for the proposed Aquatic Centre TfNSW request that Council to take into consideration the following advisory comments prior to the determination of the development application:

Comment:

Consideration be given to a minor redesign of the car park entry/exit and internal layout to accommodate a 12.5m charter bus/coach (at a minimum) and space for multiple charter buses/coaches to set down/pick up passengers on event days. This would tie in with the Event Traffic and Transport Management Plan recommended in the TfNSW response letter which would allow the car park to be managed to allow charter buses/coaches to use it on event days for passenger set down/pick up.

Reason:

This is because, should the number of charter buses/coaches not be able to be managed to allow a maximum of 3-4 buses to arrive at the site at any one time, there would be the potential for charter buses/coaches to queue beyond the length of the proposed pick up/set down area blocking through traffic as well as vehicles entering the aquatic centre car park.

TfNSW notes that Council is planning to determine the application today and as such consideration to the above would be greatly appreciated to mitigate any potential impacts to the surrounding transport network.

Response

- The condition requiring an event traffic and transport management plan has been amended to require that opportunities to allow for onsite bus parking be investigated. That Plan must be prepared in consultation with TfNSW and signed off by Council.