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## Car Sharing for 11-17 Columbia Lane, Homebush NSW

CarShare Australia would like to confirm our support for 3 GoGet carshare vehicles at 11-17 Columbia Lane, Homebush 2140. Carsharing 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.

Carsharing 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 carsharing service in this development will increase transport efficiencies in the area and encourage public transport use by residents and the surrounding community.

Carshare pods located within close proximity of key bus corridors and/or train/light rail lines, such as the proposed pod, experience the strongest uptake of carshare users 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.

For the Strathfield LGA we estimate that 1 carshare vehicle can comfortably replace 10 private vehicles. This is based on available statistical data<sup>1</sup>, our membership data and our Annual membership survey data. This number is supported by the NSW land and environment court rulings<sup>2</sup>.

With our commitment to subsidise 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, to by extension to relieve pressure on the limited on-street parking. With these factors we would be supportive of 3 GoGet vehicles accessible to all GoGet members, causing this new development to bring a service to the larger Homebush community. GoGet carshare will provide a range of vehicles to suit various community needs.

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<sup>1</sup> 2016 Bureau of Statistics HTS Data

<sup>2</sup> 2016 Turner Architects v Botany Bay Council

<sup>2</sup> 2019 Freedom Development Group Pty Ltd v Randwick City Council

<sup>2</sup> 2019 Arkibis Pty Ltd t/a ARKHAUS v Randwick City 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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