



INNER WEST COUNCIL

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Our Ref: 19/6467

Mr Peter Kim
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Dear Mr Kim,

Re: Notification Period of the Draft Victoria Road Precinct, Marrickville Planning Agreement - Your Reference: 2018/9539 Process ID: NOT2.0

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission, on behalf of Inner West Council, for the abovementioned Draft Marrickville Planning Agreement.

The main features of this draft Planning Agreement are generally supported. However, further information/ potential amendments to the Agreement are requested concerning the following matters:

1. Proposed Regional Open Space Contribution:

The Planning Agreement does not indicate what the cash contribution component is to be used for, although this is explained in the relevant notification entry on the Department's website e.g. land required for Regional Open Space. From a practical perspective, it would be most appropriate that these cash funds are utilised, in part, for Regional Open Space, in close proximity to the Precinct e.g. adjacent to multi – purpose Henson Park on Sydenham Road.

2. Limited State Infrastructure included within the Planning Agreement:

As you would be aware, Clause 6.18 of the amendment to Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Amendment No.14), which implemented the rezoning of part of the Victoria Road Precinct, required that satisfactory arrangements be made for the implementation of designated State public infrastructure (State and Regional Roads; bus interchanges and bus lanes; land required for regional open space; and social infrastructure and facilities) as part of the rezoning.

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Having regard for the current poor state of the bus facilities within the Precinct it is considered that the Planning Agreement should include a contribution to these facilities and also make a contribution to social infrastructure and facilities in the region, or explain why a contribution to these types of State infrastructure are not necessary in this instance.

3. *Right hand turn from Sydenham Rd to Victoria Rd is not needed*

Council is currently exhibiting 'Going Places: An Integrated Transport Strategy, Draft Report' to guide transport planning into the future. The Strategy recommends a transport hierarchy based on a 'people first' approach consistent with broader planning objectives related to physical health, reducing our carbon footprint and fostering a sense of community. The hierarchy puts pedestrians at the top of the hierarchy and private vehicles at the bottom. On this basis, the provision of the right turn lane from Sydenham to Victoria Road is questioned and the funding could be better directed to active and sustainable transport measures.

4. *Need for Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities within the State Infrastructure Contribution*

The actions in *Future Transport 2056* relating to improving local walking and cycling links including inner Sydney priority cycle ways, and the *Eastern City District Plan* goals for 10 minute walkable catchments warrant consideration in the SIC. 'Going Places' includes a set of principles to guide transport decision-making. Principle 1, consistent with the 'People First' approach, is '*Plan land use to support active and sustainable transport for reduced travel times and distances*'. Council requests that pedestrian and cycling facilities are considered as part of the SIC. It is noted that the Greenway associated with the Metro Southwest project was removed from the project scope, funding sourced from this SIC should be directed to re-instating that project element.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this submission, please contact Christopher Reeves in Council's Infrastructure Planning Team on 9392 5705.

Yours sincerely,



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