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Dear Ms Garland

### **WestConnex New M5 SSI 6788 Modification (MOD 4)**

Further to our letter of 16 February 2018, thank you for your subsequent email to Elise Webster of 21 February about the reasons for the name change to the Minister's Conditions B62(b) and (c) for WestConnex New M5, from 'Sydney Park Enhancement Sub-Plan' to 'A Campbell Road Crossing Sub-plan'.

Notwithstanding your explanation, the City of Sydney remains of the view that a plan for Sydney Park must be developed that:

- mitigates to an equivalent condition any areas of Sydney Park affected by the works
- improves the paths within Sydney Park where they require redirection or will have increased bicycle use as a result of the project and other sub-plans
- provides additional plantings, earthworks or the like to alleviate Sydney Park from any effects of noise and pollution to return the maximum area of the park possible to the environmental conditions that existed prior to the project
- provides equivalent areas of amenity to replace the diminished areas where any area of Sydney Park is lost or its amenity diminished as a result of the project
- provides any works required for the safe use of Sydney Park, wherever the safety of users is effected
- consults closely with, and acquires the support of, the City of Sydney in relation to any works within Sydney Park.

### **Euston Road Cycleway**

In your email you asked whether Council could confirm that it has no objection to the proposed cycleway on Euston Road not being constructed, and instead for RMS to provide a connection to the existing cycleway in Sydney Park, as per the modification request.

The City sought a reduction in the road width of Euston Road so that a cycleway on Euston Road could be constructed, however WCX chose not to reduce the road width. Given WCX' decision, the trees along Euston Road would have needed to be felled in order to build a cycleway on Euston Road, something that the City was not prepared to accept.

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It is therefore inaccurate to say that the City has no objection to the proposed cycleway on Euston Road not being constructed. Rather, the City finds itself in the untenable position of having to lose its valuable trees in order for a cycleway to be constructed on Euston Road, given that WCX will not reduce the road width. In these circumstances the City has opted to retain the trees.

You also asked could Council confirm that the existing cycleway in Sydney Park has the capacity to accommodate the additional cyclists that would have otherwise used the proposed Euston Road cycle path. The City is not in a position to gauge whether the paths within Sydney Park will have the required capacity. We're therefore unable to advise if there will be sufficient capacity to accommodate the additional cyclists that would have otherwise used the proposed Euston Road cycle path.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Woodbury', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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