



10 December 2014

Mr Ted Plummer
Manager – Government and Community Relations
Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
Via email: masterplan@syd.com.au

Dear Mr Plummer,

Re: Comments on the Revised T2/T3 Ground Access Solutions and Hotel Preliminary Draft Major Development Plan for Sydney Airport (Ground Access Solutions Plan).

Thank you for the opportunity to review the revised Ground Access Solutions Plan. As we stated in our initial comments on the Plan, Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) is an association of sixteen Councils formed for mutual benefit through collaboration and cooperation.

SSROC acknowledges the vast contribution that Sydney Airport makes to the SSROC region in terms of diverse and concentrated employment opportunities and proximity to Airport facilities and services.

We also acknowledge that SACL is seeking to appease concerns about the management of increasing traffic demand within and around the Airport precinct. Increasing road capacity is therefore central to the Ground Access Solutions Plan and is being achieved both within and around the Airport precinct by alterations to regional roads and making allowance for the development of the Westconnex.

In our submission on the draft Plan, SSROC expressed concerns about the removal of some shared path and pedestrian infrastructure in association with the Westconnex development, which seems incongruous as a significant proportion of pedestrian and cycle users around the precinct are likely to be Airport staff.

While this may not be SACLs own initiative, SSROC hopes you will work with us to encourage the NSW Government to work toward a more balanced approach to accessibility that does not disadvantage active transport and undermine the NSW Government's own efforts to increase bicycle mode share to 16% by 2020.

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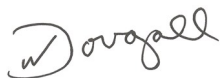
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It is also important that proposed road changes do not undermine SACLs own investment in active transport. SSROC applauds your decision to make additional improvements to the Ground Access Solutions Plan following the initial round of consultations, including provision for more end-of-trip facilities and amenities closer to passenger terminals and providing for a new, elevated walkway to separate pedestrians from ground level traffic.

SSROC hopes to see Sydney Airport further develop environmental action plans and sustainability strategies in conjunction with regional stakeholders, including local government, to ensure we are collaborating effectively to minimise the residential amenity and environmental sustainability impacts generated by Sydney Airport.

To this end, SSROC is pleased that SACL has created a Sydney Airport Cycling Forum to facilitate cycling in the area, and we look forward to participating. Please contact us at ssroc@ssroc.nsw.gov.au to notify us of future meetings.

Yours sincerely,



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