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Mr Rodd Staples
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Outer Sydney Orbital Stage 2 – Community Consultation

Dear Rodd

I write in relation to the public consultation on the shortlisted corridor options for the Outer Sydney Orbital Stage 2 (OSO2) placed on public exhibition by Transport for NSW, for comment until 29th January 2021.

Urban Taskforce supports the Government in the early planning for and identification of an OSO2 corridor to improve transport connections between the Illawarra and Western Sydney and, in particular, realising the growth potential and linkages for employment of the Greater Macarthur Growth Area.

However, the Urban Taskforce asserts the shortlisted orbital corridor options are contrary to the broad objectives of this important transport link. The shortlisted options will sterilise land recently rezoned in the Appin Precinct for the purpose of additional housing and employment opportunities as well as significantly impacting existing communities.

The short listed corridor options will impact the delivery of the future community to be housed in the recently rezoned Appin Precinct. The majority of the Appin Precinct is identified as urban capable land, with potential for over 20,000 new homes. Construction across the Appin Precinct is expected to deliver \$9.77 billion of expenditure within the NSW economy. Both shortlisted corridor options will severely limit the full benefits and housing opportunities of this precinct being realised.

The corridor options will also significantly impact the existing community within the Appin township by severing the existing town with the 80m wide orbital corridor. The short listed options present two alternative routes for traffic heading south east to Port Kembla and the Illawarra once reaching the end of Appin Road – Mount Ousley Road and Bulli Pass. Additional traffic on Bulli Pass will direct vehicles through the northern suburbs of Wollongong, significantly impacting the communities in the

suburbs of Bulli, Woonona, Russell Vale, Bellambi, Corrimal, Towradgi and Fairy Meadow.

In the interests of protecting existing and future communities, Picton Road should be seriously considered for corridor expansion to be the OSO2 link between Western Sydney and the Illawarra. As the OSO2 Option report states "*Picton Road provides the most direct connection between Port Kembla and Western Sydney*". Rather than just upgrade this road Urban Taskforce **recommends** Government, as a priority, arranges for the necessary studies and evaluations to progress Picton Road as the preferred option for the OSO2 corridor.

The Urban Taskforce is always willing to work closely with the Government to provide a development industry perspective on infrastructure and transport planning.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Forrest', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Forrest
Chief Executive Officer