

**SUBMISSIONS
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CHAPTER FIVE



5 Submissions received

5.1 Respondents

The Department of Planning and Environment received 318 submissions in response to the Environmental Impact Statement during the public exhibition period (a period of 48 days between 11 May 2016 and 27 June 2016). Submissions were accepted by:

- Electronic submission (online) – www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/page/on-exhibition
- Post – Department of Planning and Environment, GPO Box 39, Sydney, NSW 2001.

The number of submissions received by respondent type is presented in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1 Submissions received by respondent type

Respondent type	Number of submissions
Government agency	12
Local council	5
Community, business and other	301
Total	318

Six different form letters were received from a total of 67 individuals. Responses to the issues raised in these form letters are provided as part of the responses to community submissions in Chapter 8.

5.2 Overview of issues raised

Each submission has been individually examined to understand the issues being raised. The issues raised in each submission have been extracted and collated by category and sub-category, and corresponding responses to the issues have been provided. Where similar issues have been raised in different submissions, these have been amalgamated and only one response has been provided. Care has been taken in this process to preserve the specific details of each issue raised.

Submission authors have not been identified in this report (excluding submissions by government agencies, councils and elected representatives). Submission authors have been assigned a unique identification number which is referred to in this report as a 'stakeholder identification number'. Stakeholder identification numbers appear above the issue responses throughout the report, to enable individuals to locate the response to their submissions. Letters have been sent to each submission author (where contact details have been provided) to advise the author of their unique stakeholder identification number and the availability of this report.

The issues raised most frequently in submissions relate to:

- Project description
- Project development and alternatives
- Strategic need and justification
- Construction and operational noise and vibration
- Construction and operational traffic and transport
- Land use and property
- Business impacts
- Stakeholder and community engagement.

5.2.1 Government agencies

Eleven government agencies made submissions, raising a range of issues relevant to their respective areas of interest and responsibility. Some recommendations for suggested conditions of approval for the project were also made. A summary of each agency's issues is provided below. Detailed responses are provided in Chapter 6.

UrbanGrowth NSW and Land & Housing Corporation

UrbanGrowth NSW and the Department of Family and Community Services (Land and Housing Corporation) provided a joint submission which raised issues relating to:

- The need for an iterative and integrated approach to future over station development
- Planning and design around Waterloo Station, with particular focus on social housing tenants
- Construction impacts on social housing tenants around Waterloo Station, including noise and vibration, and traffic impacts
- Cumulative impacts of the project with development activities at Waterloo Housing Estate.

Office of Environment and Heritage

The Office of Environment and Heritage raised issues relating to:

- Floodplain risk management around the Marrickville dive site
- Biodiversity, including further consideration of mitigation measures
- Support for the Aboriginal heritage mitigation measures included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Heritage Council of NSW

The Heritage Council of NSW raised issues relating to:

- Potential impacts on heritage listed properties
- Potential impacts on archaeological items.

Ausgrid

Ausgrid indicated its commitment to maintaining a close working relationship with Transport for NSW on the project and providing safe operation of the Ausgrid electrical network.

Fire and Rescue NSW

Fire and Rescue NSW raised issues relating to:

- The need for provision of emergency support services on the Sydney Metro network
- The design of Sydney Metro rolling stock and tunnels to facilitate safe and efficient evacuations
- Compliance of stations and ancillary buildings with the National Construction Code.

Geological Survey of NSW

The Geological Survey of NSW has no concerns with the proposal as it would not impact on mineral extractive or energy resources.

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority

The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority noted the need for ongoing consultation with stakeholders during construction, especially in relation to the establishment of temporary construction zones around the Sydney CBD, but raised no particular concerns as the proposal would not directly impact on The Rocks or Darling Harbour precincts.

Sydney Water

Sydney Water raised issues relating to:

- The ongoing application of environmental protection legislation to the project
- The need to protect and monitor Sydney Water assets during construction and operation.

Port Authority of NSW

The Port Authority of NSW raised issues relating to:

- Impacts of barge use on shipping channels in Sydney Harbour during construction
- Construction traffic impacts at Barangaroo on access routes to the Overseas Passenger Terminal
- Noise and vibration impacts on Port Authority property near Barangaroo.

Environment Protection Authority

The Environment Protection Authority requested additional information regarding groundwater, noise and vibration impacts. They also raised issues relating to construction noise and vibration impacts, including suggested conditions for approval, and suggested operational noise limits.

Barangaroo Delivery Authority

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority noted its support for the project and indicated that it is working with Transport for NSW to finalise specific project interface agreements.

Department of Primary Industries

The Department of Primary Industries raised issues relating to water quality, groundwater bores, and groundwater inflow and take.

5.2.2 Local councils

Willoughby Council, Lane Cove Council, North Sydney Council, City of Sydney Council and Inner West Council each made a submission. The main issues raised related to:

- The need for ongoing consultation with local councils and the community
- Construction traffic, especially haulage routes, and the use and adjustment of the local road network
- Construction noise and vibration including impacts from work outside of standard construction hours
- Operational noise from fixed infrastructure, including the adjusted T1 North Shore Line
- Pedestrian safety, amenity and access during construction and operation of the stations
- Construction air quality impacts due to dust and exhaust fumes
- Visual impacts, including future landscape treatments and the urban design of fixed infrastructure
- Non-Aboriginal heritage impacts and potential impacts to locally listed non-Aboriginal heritage items
- Potential Aboriginal heritage impacts at Blues Point temporary site
- Biodiversity impacts and the possibility of improvements to local urban biodiversity
- Flooding impacts around Victoria Cross Station and Marrickville dive site
- The integration of station development with existing council planning documents, and adjacent land uses and the public domain
- Cumulative impacts with other large infrastructure and urban development projects.

Detailed responses to the issues raised by local councils are provided in Chapter 6.

5.2.3 Community, business and other submissions

Submissions from community groups, businesses, schools, places of worship, property management groups, elected representatives and individuals raised the following main issues:

- Transport integration
- Development and transport planning
- Environment and community impacts.
- Pedestrian and motorist safety around construction sites and haul routes
- Noise and vibration impacts during construction and operation, including during out of hours work
- Construction traffic impacts
- Impacts on the local road network performance during construction and operation
- Suggestions for alternative tunnel alignments and additional station locations
- Future development opportunities around stations
- Impacts on property values and the need for property condition surveys
- Access and amenity related impacts to businesses during construction
- Direct and indirect impacts on heritage items, including areas of potential archaeological value
- Visual impacts during construction and operation.

Responses to community, business and other submissions are provided in Chapter 7 and 8.