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Dear Ms Parker

**Penrith City Council's Submission for the "NSW Draft Freight and Ports Plan"**

Penrith City Council would like to congratulate the Government for their efforts in developing the "NSW Draft Freight and Ports Plan" that supports the Draft Future Transport Strategy 2056. We appreciate the opportunity to provide a submission to the Draft Future Transport Strategy 2056, as well as provide direction on investment and management of future freight to industry and business.

Council has acknowledged that the NSW Draft Freight and Ports Plan (NSWDFPP) investment initiatives and investigations align with the Future Transport 2056 Strategy and will contain Services and Infrastructure Plans that set customer outcomes and define the network required to achieve those customer outcomes.

Freight Line Corridor

Council acknowledges TfNSW advancing the timeframe for the Western Sydney Freight Line and Outer Sydney Orbital Freight Line from a 10-20 year investigation initiative in the *Draft Greater Sydney Services and Infrastructure Plan* to protecting these freight corridors within 0-10 years in the *Draft Freight and Ports Plan*.

Given the significance of this infrastructure to Western Sydney, including the Western Sydney Airport and Growth Area, and its relationship to non-freight transport movements in the region, Council requests that further consideration be given to bringing forward the timeframe for protecting the corridors to 0-2 years and for planning and implementation to 2-5 years. This would assist in progressing land use planning for the region and providing more certainty for all stakeholders. It would also support the critical need to have this infrastructure in place prior to the opening of the Western Sydney Airport, which Council continues to strongly advocate.

Intermodal Terminals

Council supports the 0-10 year initiative to secure intermodal terminal precincts. Figure 25 in the *Draft Freight and Ports Plan* shows two proposed intermodals, one at St Marys (Pacific National) and the other within the Western Sydney Airport Growth Area. Clarification is requested on whether a third intermodal is also proposed in the vicinity of the Aerotropolis, as shown in Figure 27 of the *Draft Greater Sydney Services and Infrastructure Plan*.

In 2015, Council was not able to support the St Marys (Pacific National) intermodal for transport infrastructure and environmental reasons. Accordingly, if the St Marys intermodal is to be included in the *Draft Freight and Ports Plan*, then a number of crucial matters need to be addressed including:

- Improvements to the local and regional road and rail transport networks within the proposed catchment of the intermodal; and
- Mitigation of any transport noise and vibration impacts on the local community.

#### Other Initiatives

We note that investigations into construction of Stage 1 of the Outer Sydney Orbital, the Dedicated Freight Network Expansion and Freight Rail Capacity Enhancements on the Main West rail line are identified as 10-20 year initiatives. Council urges TfNSW to bring these investigations forward to facilitate their delivery within a 10-20 year timeframe.

Council supports the 0-10 year initiatives to protect corridors for a future Western Sydney Fuel Pipeline and support the delivery of the Western Sydney Airport. We also support 0-10 year investigations into freight technology improvements with a view to increasing the mode shift to rail over time and freight innovation projects to deliver system integration, efficiencies and improved safety.

Should you wish to discuss the issues raised in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Transportation Planner, Mr Walter Sinnadurai on telephone (02) 4732 7721 or myself on (02) 4732 8190.

Yours faithfully



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