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**Public Accounts Committee
Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program
Response to Supplementary Questions from Hearing 27 July 2020**

We respond to the supplementary questions from a Public Accounts Committee hearing into the Newcastle Urban Transformation and Transport Program held on 27 July 2020. Of the three questions raised in the hearing, HCCDC has responded to Question 2 while Transport for NSW will respond to Questions 1 and 3.

Recommendations 5 and 6

- **By March 2019, the Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation should update and implement the Program Benefits Realisation Plan. This should include: a) setting measurable targets for the desired benefits; b) clearly allocating ownership for achieving the desired benefits; and c) monitoring progress toward achieving the desired benefits and reporting publicly on the results; and**
- **Work with relevant stakeholders to explore options for increasing the focus on the heritage objective of the Program in projects on the former railway land. This could include projects that recognise the cultural and industrial heritage of Newcastle.**

Question 1:

Can you provide the Committee with information about your current benefits realisation management policies? Have these changed since the Audit was conducted?

Response:

The question has been referred to Transport for NSW.

Question 2:

Your response indicated that the next round of benefit capture will occur in 2020. Has this happened and if so, what were the findings. If the next round of capture has not yet occurred, what is the anticipated date for this to be undertaken?

Response:

The next round of benefit capture will occur in late 2020 (currently estimated as November 2020).



Question 3:

What was the final cost of the Program and the light rail project? How did the final costs compare with the original budget and what were the reason for any variations?

Response:

The question has been referred to Transport for NSW.

If you require further information on HCCDC's response to the Supplementary Questions, please contact Stephen Aebi, Project Leader, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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