

INLAND RAIL PROJECT AND REGIONAL NSW

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Mr Justin Clancy MP
Chair
Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development

by email: investmentindustry@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Clancy

Re Inland Rail Project and Regional NSW.

I write in relation to your email dated 24 November 2020 inviting a submission on the inquiry into the Inland Rail Project and Regional NSW. Council would like to submit the following to the Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development for consideration.

The Western Sydney Aerotropolis, to be built surrounding the new Western Sydney International (Nancy Bird Walton) Airport (WSIA), is to become a thriving new city, which will contribute to an additional 200,000 new jobs in the Western Parkland City. Growing sectors such as Health and Education, Defence and Aerospace, Advanced Manufacturing, Transport and Logistics and Agribusiness are all predicted to be key to achieving this vision.

Liverpool itself will also grow to become the gateway city to the new airport, connecting the people of Western Sydney to the rest of the world, truly transforming into Sydney's third CBD.

The inland rail will play a key role in catering for the country's growing freight task in future and as such, connections to the Western Sydney Airport and Aerotropolis will become crucial to maximise regional and national benefits. We submit that the development of intermodal terminal(s), which facilitate connectivity to the Western Sydney Aerotropolis and the WSIA, from the Inland Rail, will be necessary to provide for seamless freight movements throughout the region.

With an agriport currently being proposed at the WSIA, the opportunity for Australia to continue to grow its food exports via this portal cannot be overstated. Indeed, the freight hub at the new airport is expected to be operational even before passenger flights take off, with freight planes expected to be taking off from Badgerys Creek by late 2025.

The Moorebank Intermodal Terminal, located on the Southern Sydney Freight line, and situated 30km from the new airport, is currently projected to become the largest of its type in the southern hemisphere over coming decades. The growth in facilities of this type demonstrates the value of rail facilities that interface with existing road networks. The logistics task facing Australia requires such "big picture" thinking and planning to meet future demands.



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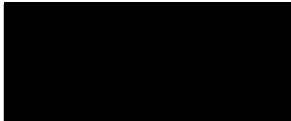
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We therefore encourage the Legislative Assembly Committee on Investment, Industry and Regional Development to consider this option in it's recommendations.

We would be pleased to elaborate further and/or host further discussions and would also extend an invitation to visit our region if deemed appropriate and at the Committee's discretion.

Please do not hesitate to contact Julie Scott, Manager City Economy on [REDACTED] if you wish to discuss this further.

Your sincerely

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David Smith

Acting Director City Economy & Growth