GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO REPORT 11 OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.4 "THE DESIGNER OUTLETS CENTRE, LIVERPOOL"

The NSW Government makes the following comment and provides advice on actions underway to address the recommendations in Report 11 of the Legislative Council's General Purpose Standing Committee No.4 "The Designer Outlets Centre, Liverpool".

Recommendation 1

That the New South Wales Government confirm the status of Draft SEPP 66 – Integrating Land Use and Transport, this SEPP having been in draft form for a decade.

Response

The principles of integrated transport and land use planning embedded within Draft SEPP 66 are being incorporated into the NSW Government's Metropolitan Strategy. As a cornerstone of the Metropolitan Strategy, the Government's centres policy will focus on increasing the use of public transport and maximising the use of existing infrastructure to help create local jobs.

Recommendation 2

That the Ministers for Local Government and Planning should review guidelines for delegated authority being used by Local Government to ensure that major developments are not approved without formal reference to the elected Council.

Response

This recommendation is noted. In the NSW planning system, major development is generally deemed to be of State Significance and is approved by the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning. Local development is assessed and approved by local councils. Arrangements for delegated authority within local councils should therefore remain a matter for individual local councils.