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Hon. Abigail Boyd, MLC
Chair Portfolio Committee 6
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Parliament of NSW

By email: PortfolioCommittee6@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Boyd MLC

Re: Parliamentary Inquiry Hearing #5 PC6_ Correction

I refer to the fifth hearing of parliamentary Inquiry No. 6_ Acquisition of land in relation to major transport projects and specifically my response to the Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC on page 18 of the transcript.

I wish to correct the record.

In my response to the Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC, extracted in italics below, I indicated that we acted for clients in the Hunter Connection. This is incorrect. We act for clients at 5 Hunter St and 300 George St. These properties, with the Hunter Connection, are part of the Sydney Metro West acquisition for the proposed Hunter Street Station announced last year.

My response to Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC related to our experience acting for clients affected by the Sydney Metro West acquisition for the proposed Hunter Street Station.

Would it be possible to add the following underlined note to the record:

Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: You made reference to this before about what is going on with Hunter Connection. Are you representing people who are in Hunter Connection?

DAVID NEWHOUSE: Yes, I am.

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: Ms Sack, you as well?

BALLANDA SACK: Yes. Correction Added: "We act for clients affected by the proposed Hunter Street Station"

The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY: How is that going? Can you give us your perspective because this one, as you rightly point out, was notified last year and is live now.

BALLANDA SACK: Obviously we are in a without prejudice negotiations phase. We need to be very careful about anything that we say, but it is a process that our clients have found very difficult. We are part way through a process. There are some complexities around it because, for us, we have the nature of the business interests. These are the negotiations that are not really negotiations. They are ~~not~~ more "Here



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is what we are prepared to offer"—walk away. The problem with that approach also is that it encourages people to sit it about and wait for the VG, which then adds to the backlog on the VG. ...

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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