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To the Committee Secretariat Portfolio Committee No 6 Transport and the Arts

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Inquiry.

Attached to this email are two documents:

1. Responses to the Supplementary Questions posed by the Committee;
2. Responses provided to the Questions taken on Notice, in relation to St Peters Interchange.

In addition, and after reviewing the transcript of the hearing available on the Inquiry's website, I wish to clarify my evidence on two (2) discreet matters regarding the mulch at Rozelle Parklands.

The first relates to the use of recycled mulch on CPB Contractors Projects. In clarification, following the experience at Rozelle Interchange, CPB Contractors elected in respect of its NSW projects, to direct the procurement of raw mulch (non-resource recovered mulch) in the first instance where that option is available. Namely, raw mulch sourced from urban wood, sawmill or native or farmed forestry practices. If raw mulch cannot be sourced due to availability or other constraints, approval to use resource recovered (recycled) mulch needs to be sought from the relevant Business Unit General Manager, it is then the subject to further assurance activities.

The above direction applies to projects in NSW and not CPB's national operations. The direction continues to be in place at the time of this submission.

The second matter relates to sourcing of the mulch and the licence held by the supplier. The Chair asked "*I think you indicated your evidence was that you obtained the mulch from—I forget the exact technical words—an approved supplier from the EPA list. Could you just remind me of what that term was, either of you?*" In clarification, the recycled mulch was sourced from a facility that held a current EPA licence which authorised scheduled activities of a certain type.

I trust these clarifications and the attached documents will assist in accurately supporting the testimony provided.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Regards, *Graeme*

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