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## **INQUIRY INTO HEALTH IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE SYDNEY BASIN**

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The Director  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

**INQUIRY INTO THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE SYDNEY BASIN**

I refer to the letter dated 16 June 2006, in which Council was invited to make a submission to the Inquiry into the health impacts of air pollution in the Sydney Basin.

I advise that Council does not have the resources or the studies to provide specific information relating to air quality and health impacts for the Holroyd City Council area. However, Council does recognise that the Holroyd and greater western Sydney region in particular is subject to a build-up of pollutants in the air due to patterns of air circulation and the terrain features of the air.

The main contributor of air pollutants in the Holroyd City Council area is considered to be motor vehicles and heavy transport vehicles due to major heavy traffic routes through the area (Cumberland Highway, Great Western Highway and M4 Motorway).

The Holroyd City Council area is well serviced by public transport (western and southern railway lines as well as the Liverpool-Parramatta Transitway and local bus routes), however the 2001 Census data shows a continued reliance on motor vehicles, with 62% of residents travelling to work in a private car as either the driver or passenger. In the 2002 Household Travel Survey undertaken by the Transport & Population Data Centre of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources, this figure had increased to 72%.

Apart from motor and heavy vehicles, Council also recognises that residential and industrial sources also contribute to air emissions. Whilst control over air quality and the management of air emissions within Council's jurisdiction is limited, Council believes its leadership and guidance can demonstrate that everyone plays a part in reducing air emissions. Council has taken the following action to contribute to reducing air pollutants:

- Local Air Quality Management Plan - Council developed a Local Air Quality Management Plan in 1998 (revised in 2001) which includes strategies and actions for:

- Local and regional air quality planning;
  - Education, information and public participation;
  - Energy efficiency;
  - Land use and transport planning;
  - Vehicle emissions; and
  - Source controls.
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- Integrated Local Transport Plan - The plan was developed after the completion on the Holroyd Integrated Transport Study and contains strategies to improve the public transport network, pedestrian access and mobility, and regulate the movement of heavy vehicles within the Holroyd City Council area.
  - Review of Council's Fleet - Council is currently investigating opportunities to improve Council's passenger and heavy vehicle fleet.
  - Environmental Assessment of Industry - Council conducts regular inspections of industrial premises to ensure compliance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

Council will endeavour to take any reasonable action to contribute to improving the air quality of the Holroyd and greater western Sydney region.

Yours sincerely,



Clr Allan G. Ezzy APM  
MAYOR