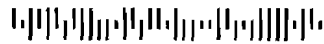


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13 April 2007



The Chair
Review of the F3 to M7 Corridor Selection
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Dear Madam

Review of the F3 to M7 Corridor Selection

Reference is made to the invitation for public submissions on the F3 to M7 Corridor Selection as announced by the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, the Hon Jim Lloyd MP on 19 February 2007.

I wish to advise that at its meeting on 26 August 2003 after considering a report on the Sinclair Knight Merz study, Council resolved:

- "1. Council indicate its preference for the Purple Option(Type A Corridor) for the F3 Sydney Orbital connection with three lanes in either direction and based on the untolled option.*
- 2. The Government be encouraged to further investigate providing a reservation along the Type C Broad Corridor so that the longer term planning of vehicle movements between Western Sydney and the Central/Northern Coast can be adequately planned.*
- 3. Items 1 and 2 be now conveyed to the relevant organisations as set out in the resolution of the 19 August 2003."*

Council has not changed its position on the corridor selection since that time.

Although funding mechanisms for the delivery of the project appear to be outside the terms of reference for the review, Council will have strong concerns should the corridor be subjected to a further toll, given the impost of existing tolls on residents of north west Sydney and the high level of fuel excise already paid as part of the petrol pricing structure. Any further application of a toll on this link will only further exacerbate the inequities that exist between NSW and other states in terms of tolls on National Highways. The application of such tolls on National Highways is an unfair impost on the road users within NSW and should not be contemplated.



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Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Council's Manager - Traffic and Transport, Mr Andrew King on (02) 9843.0242.

Yours faithfully

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Dave Walker

GENERAL MANAGER