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Dear Ms Shand

NorthConnex (SSI-6136) – Urban Design and Landscape Management Plan Stage 2 (condition B33)

I refer to your letter dated 3 July 2018 and further correspondence dated 30 August 2018 requesting the Secretary's approval of the Urban Design and Landscape Plan Stage 2 Revision 8 (UDLP Stage 2) in accordance with condition B33 of the project approval. I note that the project's Urban Design and Landscape Plan is being submitted in stages to suit the construction program, as permitted under condition B33.

The UDLP Stage 2 includes the Northern Ventilation Facility, the Southern Motorway Operations Complex, the Incident Response Facility and Coral Tree Drive substation, tunnels and tolling structures.

I have reviewed the documents provided, including your responses to the Department's requests for additional information, issues raised during the consultation period and responses to submissions. I understand the project design is generally consistent with the Environmental Impact Statement and the Submissions and Preferred Infrastructure Report, and note the amendments resulting from the Flood Mitigation Strategy, maintenance requirements and consultation outcomes.

I also note that the Urban Design Review Panel is generally satisfied with the UDLP Stage 2, in a letter dated 7 August 2017.

Following the Department's careful consideration, I am satisfied that the UDLP Stage 2 adequately addresses the requirements of condition B33 for the Northern Ventilation Facility, the Southern Motorway Operations Complex, the Incident Response Facility and Coral Tree Drive substation, as well as tunnels and tolling structures. On this basis, I approve the UDLP Stage 2, subject to minor amendments to the document as described in Attachment 1.

Please update the UDLP Stage 2 and submit to the Department for information.

Please also ensure you make the updated document publicly available as soon as possible, clearly explaining the staged approach to the project UDLP and the elements of the plan that are not yet approved. I understand you are currently preparing the UDLP for Stages 2(B) and 2(C), and the remaining parts of the UDLP for Stage 1(B) and will lodge these documents for the Department's review and approval.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Carl Dumbleton, Team Leader - Roads on 02 9274 6283 or carl.dumbleton@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

 4-10-18
Stacy Warren

Director, Infrastructure Management
As delegate of the Secretary

Attachment 1: Amendments to the Urban Design and Landscape Plan – Stage 2, Revision 8

Amendments required:

1. As noted by the Urban Design Review Panel (7 August 2017), you are required to review tree planting sizes to ensure a balance between large and smaller more vigorous trees is selected to help create a more established landscape effect on opening.
2. Minor inconsistencies in the planting schedules in Figures 8-1, 8-4 and 8-5 of the UDLP Stage 2 are noted. The plants in the photographs need to match the listed species. Amend these figures for consistency.