Dear Mr Humphrey

Subject: Cross City Tunnel – Condition of Approval No.288

I refer to your letter of the 14 June 2006 which provided the Post Opening Report for the Cross City Tunnel in accordance with the Minister’s Condition of Approval No.288. The Post Opening Report identifies additional management measures to maximise the performance of arrangements at the Bourke and William Street intersection.

The Department has reviewed the Report and notes that it concludes that reopening the intersection of William and Bourke Streets to left in and left out traffic at Bourke Street (southern side) is justified and enabled by Condition of Approval No.288.

On the basis of the information received, the Department hereby approves the reopening of the intersection of William and Bourke Streets to left in and left out of Bourke Street (southern side), and the preparation and implementation of a Vision for Bourke Street that will consider a range of traffic management and urban design measures in the vicinity of William Street, as described in the Post Opening Report, subject to the following requirements:

1. The preparation of the Vision for Bourke Street shall include a comprehensive consultation process, including consultation with relevant government agencies, Council of the City of Sydney, and affected community, business and bicycle groups;
2. The Vision for Bourke Street, where applicable, shall be consistent with the Urban Design and Landscape Plan for William and Park Streets; and
3. The RTA shall fully fund the preparation of the Vision for Bourke Street and ensure that its preparation is finalised within 12 months of the opening Bourke Street.

It is noted that funding arrangements for measures identified in the Vision for Bourke Street will be finalised following the preparation of the Vision for Bourke Street.
Please note that nothing in this approval should be taken as authorising any action that may breach, limit or constrain another condition contained in any licence, approval, permit, consent or other legal requirement.

If you have any queries relating to this matter please contact Glenn Snow on 9226 6352.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
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Director General

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