## **ATTACHMENT D**

LETTER FROM TRANSPORT FOR NSW REGARDING ACCESS TO THE SITE FOR CONSTRUCTION



28 July 2017

Town Hall House 456 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Kim-Woodbury

## **Cloud Arch Footings**

We refer to the Development Agreement dated 19 December 2013 between the City of Sydney (the City) and Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) in relation to the Sydney Light Rail Project (the Project). In particular we refer to clause 6.6 Public Art.

We understand that the City is seeking TfNSW's approval for construction of the Cloud Arch Footing A (Footing A) after Project civil construction, but prior to the Light Rail Vehicles becoming operational in George Street. We also understand that the City received consent from Sydney Trains to construct Footing A over its assets on 13 July 2017.

We acknowledge the amount of work that has been put into this proposed Public Artwork and note that TfNSW and the City have participated in numerous meetings regarding the Cloud Arch. The first meeting attended by TfNSW was with Sydney Trains and the City on 02 December 2015. At that meeting, the City tabled its programme that showed Footing A being constructed by 24 March 2016. Over the following 19 months TfNSW has participated in design reviews where changes in footing location, construction methodology and programme have been discussed and whereas this discussion has taken place on a collaborative basis the time taken to resolve the City's Cloud Arch design has meant alteration to the interaction of this proposed footing with the Project due to construction programme.

A design has now been developed to enable the construction of Footing A under the track slab (already constructed) to minimize the impact on Altrac's programme and the progress of the Project works. We support the latest design as a plausible solution that should allow the City to construct Footing A.

We will use our best endeavours to facilitate access in Q1 of 2018 for the construction of Footing A to proceed. We are however, not currently in a position to provide the City with a specific access date and period for the construction of Footing A to proceed such that construction will not cause adverse impacts or delays to the Project. We await an updated programme of works from Altrac and in particular the detailed programme for activities in Zone 6 and the Park/Druitt Street and George Street intersection.

We will continue to meet regularly with the City to keep them informed of Project construction progress in Zone 6 and when access is likely to be available.

Yours sincerely

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