From: Metro Government Business **Sent:** Thursday, 18 July 2024 2:04 PM

To: PAWC

Cc: Metro Government Business; Fiona Trussell; Namdi Payne

Subject: Error in the Final Report - Public Accountability and Works Committee's report for

the inquiry into the NSW Government's use and management of consulting services

Dear Committee,

I refer to the Public Accountability and Works Committee's report for the inquiry into the NSW Government's use and management of consulting services, tabled on 29 May 2024.

There is a factual error in the case study on pages 39-40 regarding E3 Advisory that misrepresents Sydney Metro's work. As provided in the Sydney Metro response to question on notice 15 submitted on 4 October 2024, the variation for the E3 Advisory contract was for "additional scope that was required over the course of the entire contract" not for an additional month's work. Please refer to a marked up extract of the text from the Committee's report as follows:

"Sydney Metro has had to extend or vary contracts on a number of occasions, with 1,774 variations across 436 contracts since 1 January 2020. As an example of a variation made, the amount payable to E3 Advisory increased from \$262,405 to \$660,000 over the course of the contract when an additional month's work was required, as a team of professionals was needed for the work rather than just one contractor. On another occasion, a contract with O'Connor Marsden for advisory services increased from \$331,238 to \$1.153 million."

Sydney Metro trusts that the Committee will take this into consideration. If any queries, my contact details are below.

Kind regards, Vicki Kimber

Vicki Kimber

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