

Sydney Metro

Responses to Post-hearing questions

Select Committee

Proposal to Develop Rosehill Racecourse

Hearing date – 12 September 2024

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

QUESTION:

1. The Hon. MARK LATHAM: As you'd expect, Mr Regan, the ATC on their own land have done a series of contamination tests. Have they shared those results with you?

PETER REGAN: I would have to check that, Mr Latham. I know there have been discussions, and my team has been in discussions with the ATC around where potential drill holes and things would go. I don't know for sure what has been shared back the other way, but I'm happy to take it on notice.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: Can you take that on notice?

PETER REGAN: Yes, absolutely.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: They definitely have done a series of tests, as you'd expect, for this project.

PETER REGAN: Yes, I'm very happy to take that on notice.

ANSWER:

Sydney Metro does not have contamination testing data from the Australian Turf Club.

QUESTION:

2. The Hon. MARK LATHAM: Finally, you said that you didn't know of this BG&E report, but the department of planning has done a lot of work over many years on their Camellia Place strategy, involving Rosehill racecourse, where this all started. Have they shared that material with you?

PETER REGAN: As I said, I'm not aware of the specific report but definitely the department of planning have done a lot of work, and we've had the benefit of some of that work in looking at those options when we looked at different stations. It is known that the area around Rosehill and Camellia is both contaminated and subject to flooding. That's an extra factor that has to be taken into account in terms of remediation.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: Have you got your own flood incidents report for the station box?

PETER REGAN: I believe we do, and our contractors also look at flood mitigation and protection and flood modelling.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: Maybe you can share a summary of those results, on notice.

PETER REGAN: I'm happy to take that on notice, yes.

ANSWER:

Sydney Metro has undertaken flood modelling for the current Sydney Metro West project area, which includes the Clyde Stabling and Maintenance Facility, Clyde Dive and Rosehill worksites. This area is adjacent to the potential Rosehill Gardens station site. This modelling will inform initial design for the potential station.

Sydney Metro will also use the City of Parramatta Council's Parramatta River Flood Study hydrology and hydraulic models as the basis for a flood assessment at the above location, to inform the design and proposed flood mitigation measures if required.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

QUESTION:

1. Did a) you or b) your officials attend the Independent Metro Audit Review Team meeting on 14 August 2023?

ANSWER:

The Chief Executive, Sydney Metro did not attend the meeting on 14 August 2023 between the Sydney Metro Independent Review Panel and Australian Turf Club.

The meeting was attended by two Sydney Metro staff in their capacity as Independent Review Secretariat.

QUESTION:

2. What was the position of Sydney Metro presented to this meeting regarding the development of a station on Rosehill Racecourse land?

ANSWER:

Sydney Metro did not present a position at this meeting.

QUESTION:

3. Who at the meeting specified a minimum number of people needing to live at Rosehill/Camellia to justify the construction of a Rosehill station? What was this number based on?

ANSWER:

Sydney Metro did not present a position at this meeting.

QUESTION:

4. Has Sydney Metro ever communicated with the Australian Turf Club about the population requirement in (3) above? What are the details?

ANSWER:

No.

QUESTION:

5. Did any government official at the meeting on 14 August 2023 say that the entire Rosehill Racecourse site needed to be sold to justify a Metro station there? What are the details?

ANSWER:

No.

QUESTION:

6. Are minutes of this meeting available please and can they be provided to the Committee?

ANSWER:

Meeting minutes from the Sydney Metro Independent Review 2023 are Cabinet in Confidence.