

## Penrith City Council: Response to Questions Taken on Notice

### Western Sydney Science Park and Aerotropolis Developments Parliamentary Inquiry

#### Context

Penrith City Council officers appeared on 31 October 2024. Two questions were taken on notice. The questions outlined here are from the uncorrected transcript sent to Penrith City Council on 8 November 2024.

#### Question Taken on Notice

**The CHAIR:** When they approached you in 2013, were they called Celestino at that time?

**KYLIE POWELL:** I can't answer that.

**ANDREW JACKSON:** Neither of us were at council at the time. I don't know what name they went under.

**KYLIE POWELL:** I'm happy to take that on notice, Madam Chair

#### Response:

Celestino were known as **E.J Cooper and Son Pty Limited (EJC)** at lodgement of their planning proposal with Council on 18 December 2013.

#### Question Taken on Notice:

**The Hon. MARK LATHAM:** Are you aware that in 2015 Transport for NSW wrote to the council saying, "Don't go forward and advertise the science park plan until we can advertise and establish the Outer Sydney Orbital route," which at one stage was going to cut right through the middle of the science park site and also the south west rail line? Why did the council go ahead in defiance of that request from Transport for NSW, furthering the interests of the land developer?

**KYLIE POWELL:** Madam Chair, I'm not aware of that correspondence from Transport in 2015.

The Hon. MARK LATHAM: Can you take that on notice and look at the council records?

KYLIE POWELL: Absolutely.

### Response:

The letter from Transport for NSW dated 3 November 2015 indicated a preference to not proceed to public exhibition until the broad options for the Outer Sydney Orbital (OS) and the South West Rail Link Extension (SWRLE) had been placed on exhibition by Transport. However, the letter also gave an option for Council to proceed with the public exhibition, subject to acknowledgement that the proponent was made aware that planning for the OSO and SWRLE was ongoing and that there may be a significant impact on the site layout that could potentially require re-exhibition of the planning proposal.

The Planning Proposal was subsequently updated to reflect this. (extract below).

#### **1.5.3. Future Transport Corridors and Traffic Modelling**

Transport for NSW is currently developing options for the Outer Sydney Orbital and the South West Rail Link Extension taking into account input from previous public submissions. It is anticipated that refined alignments will be available from the middle of 2016. The proponent for this Planning Proposal is aware of this ongoing planning process and that there may be significant impacts on the site layout that may require adjustments to the Planning Proposal. Penrith City Council and Transport for NSW will work with the proponent to ensure that the final Planning Proposal is appropriately integrated with the existing and future networks.