



26 July 2019

Mr H Collins
Chief Executive,
Sydney Trains
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Dear Mr Collins,

You will recall that:

- Following the advice Minister Constance in February 2017 that he and Sydney Trains had agreed that work to create the walking path could commence;
- the Premier's Committee was constituted to consider the proposal for a walkway along the Waverton/Lavender bay rail.

The Committee delivered its report in December 2018.

I have attached a copy of the letter received from the Minister for Transport's office concerning the High Line but not in response to the Committee's report.

Surprisingly, the author infers that the walking path could coexist with the operation of the rail line. Surprising because such an inference contradicts:

- the Premier's decision to establish the Committee;
- statements previously made by the NSW Government in its own right and on behalf of Sydney Trains; and
- our understanding that the Minister did in January 2019 intend to announce funding for the High Line project.

The High Line project seems to have stalled.

Since October 2018 the High Line Association has been seeking more details of Sydney Trains' QS reports and for a meeting-with the QS for Sydney Trains and the High Line Association for the purpose of ensuring that there was no overlap between the reports. This is critical because the reports are intended to be used to ensure that the projections that are to be put to the Government are accurate.

I thought that the basis for reaching the needed agreement was reached at our meeting held on 8 March 2019 with consensus that:

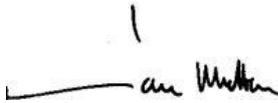
- The reports of the scopes of works prepared by Sydney Rail and the Sydney Harbour Highline Association overlapped; the extent of which was not clear.
- The next step was to identify where the scopes of work overlapped.
- The most efficient way to identify the overlap was to have the authors of the reports meet and then report on the overlap.

It is not clear to me why it has not been possible to set up a meeting between the report authors or at least for Sydney Trains QS report to be made available to the QS for the Association so that at the Association's costs a final funding proposal may be completed.

Another matter discussed at our meeting was a suggestion that regulations presently governing the operation of the Waverton/Lavender Bay rail line and corridor could be varied to reflect the fact that the line will have limited operation.

This suggestion was certainly regarded by the Association being very proactive and in line with comments made by the Minister concerning an early start of the High Line Project.

It is best that we resolve these matters in a meeting. I will contact Rita to agree a time that's convenient to you.



Ian Mutton
President