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Dear Ms Kelly and Ms Hitchcock

ROZELLE PARKLANDS WETLANDS

Thank you for your letter of 29 April 2024. The General Manager has asked me to provide a response and to seek further information on matters which you have raised.

Council does note your comments that Transurban has engaged an independent water quality expert to work with your engineers and environmental specialists to develop an urgent remediation plan for the wetlands and that there will be extensive testing and sampling of the water. However, the Council remains concerned about the wetlands in respect of the algal bloom and in particular the delay in treating the bloom and its remediation.

So that the Council can better understand the cause, nature and extent of the algal bloom I seek the following information and clarification be provided:

Matters relating to Interchange and Tunnel Design

1. How is the water collected from the interchange and tunnel?
2. How is the water treated from the interchange and tunnel?
3. To what standard is this water treated to?
4. How is the water collected from the interchange and tunnel discharged into the wetlands?
5. How does the design of the interchange and tunnel impact the low water flow and/or stagnation in the wetlands?
6. Where does the wetlands discharge into?

Matters relating to the algae bloom

1. What are the likely causes of the bloom in the wetlands?
2. What is the likely human health, animal health and environmental impacts and risks resulting from the bloom?
3. How many water samples were collected on 26/4/24?
4. Have any further water samples been taken since?
5. What are the results of the water samples?
6. Provide details of the urgent remediation plan for the wetlands. Is this plan being prepared in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council's (NHMRC) Guidelines for Managing Risks in Recreational Water (the Guidelines)?

7. If not, why?
8. If yes, what is the current Alert Level as per table 6.6 of these Guidelines?
9. What does further extensive testing and sampling of water involve? How is the frequency of water sampling determined?
10. How will the wetlands be remediated? How long will it take for the wetlands to be remediated so safe access to the area can be restored?
11. How does Transurban intend to keep the Council and community involved as to progress of remediation activities?
12. What is proposed for long term monitoring to ensure that the bloom does not recur once remediated?
13. How does Transurban intend to keep the Council and community informed of any changes to the Alert Level?

I would appreciate Transurban provides to Council the requested information by no later than **9 May 2024**.

As you are no doubt aware, the Rozelle Parklands (including the wetlands) are within the regulated area of the Council and as such the Council is responsible for ensuring that lands are kept healthy and safe for the community. This is particularly so for land such as the Parklands which are accessible by members of its community. The Council, as a regulatory authority, holds certain statutory powers under State legislation and can exercise those powers to ensure that the environment is kept safe, and land is maintained in a healthy condition.

In the meantime, the Council accepts your offer to meet on site to further discuss the wetlands. Can you advise me a convenient time next week for that meeting?

Yours Sincerely,



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