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Dear Dr West,

Thank you for your letter dated 21 April 2018 regarding the preparation of the Newport Review of Environmental Factors.

The Review of Environmental Factors was originally proposed for March 2018, however due to utility relocation, is now planned for public display in June. As previously discussed when we last met, information sessions will be held over a two week period, both locally in Newport and further north, as to capture all of the feedback from the local and surrounding communities.

We understand you have been anticipating the public REF and our community engagement team will ensure that you are advised when it is closer to the display period as well as invite the PBWA and other local associations to the community sessions. The importance of the REF is paramount as it is through this formal process that we will present the facts of the extension to Newport so the community can assess all of the relevant information to make informed comments and suggestions.

TfNSW are committed to providing the best service to the communities north of Mona Vale and we will continue to work with associations and local residents and businesses to understand how best we can achieve this.

Please see below additional responses to the issues raised in the letter.

Yours sincerely,

**Robert Miesegaes**  
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### **Travel time and services north of Mona Vale**

Passengers travelling between the city and Palm Beach during the hours when Route L90 (Palm Beach to the City) is operating can travel via Route L90 and avoid the interchange at Mona Vale. Travel times between the city and Mona Vale are similar for the L90 and B1 and any trip on Route B1 departing from the city at the same time or later than a L90 would be unlikely to provide a connection at Mona Vale.

At other times for travel between the city and Palm Beach a transfer at Mona Vale to Route 199 (Manly to Palm Beach) is required. Route B1 operates approximately every 10 minutes and Route 199 to Palm Beach generally operates every 30 minutes with pm peak and weekend day time services operating every 15 minutes. The pm peak 15 minute service to Palm Beach is a significant improvement on the previous 30 minute L90 service to Palm Beach.

Where two connecting services operate at different frequencies, passengers arriving at the transfer point on a service that does not have a scheduled connection may experience longer transfer times.

### **Why has there been no trial introduction of an extension of the E88 peak service?**

Previous patronage monitoring has shown there is low demand for city services north of Careel Head Road and so Route E88 operates between Careel Head Road and the City. Transport for NSW will continue to monitor demand north of Careel Head Road and where necessary adjust services.

### **When will the Keoride marketing commence?**

The Keoride marketing campaign will commence mid-year with advertisements in local papers and a social media campaign. This campaign will also be supported by council through direct contact with resident groups and onsite engagement sessions.

### **Why is crown land being used for commuter car parking?**

The Newport Beach car park is currently used by commuters, beach and SLSC visitors, and visitors and workers heading to the town centre. On an average week day it is 30 per cent occupied and has spare capacity to accommodate future demand from commuters. Once the Newport extension is constructed the entire car park would remain accessible to the public and would not be amended to have dedicated areas for commuter use only.

### **What will happen to traffic congestion if the proposed Newport option at Barrenjoey Road and Neptune Road is approved?**

Traffic modelling has been undertaken to assess the performance of intersections that would be affected by the proposed Newport extension, including intersections at Barrenjoey Road/Neptune Road, Barrenjoey Road/Newport Beach car park, and Barrenjoey Road/Coles Parade. The traffic modelling considered both existing and future scenarios. The future growth forecast along Barrenjoey Road for AM and PM peak periods is predicted to be 0.4 per cent and 0.1 per cent. The modelling results indicate that the predicted average delay and degree of service at the intersections are similar with and without the proposal and within appropriate parameters. The intersections would continue to operate satisfactorily during all peak periods with relatively minor changes to intersection performance. It is predicted that the proposed roundabout intersection would operate with a good level of service (Service A) during peak periods.