

22 December 2021

Mr Michael Robertson
Stakeholder Engagement Manager - Systems Connect
Sydney Metro City & Southwest Line-wide Works

Dear Michael,

RE: Chatswood Dive Station Design and Precinct Plan

The Artarmon Progress Association (APA) thanks you for allowing us to make a submission regarding the Chatswood Dive Station Design and Precinct Plan.

The APA is generally supportive of the plan, but would like to make the following comments:

- Fencing
 - Our concern regarding the fence being defaced with graffiti appears to be addressed by the choice of materials. We support the use of Palisade security fencing.
 - The Viewpoints in the plan show the fence as being visually obtrusive. APA request that additional plantings be included on the external side of the fence to partly obscure it and soften its appearance. This may require the location of the fence to be moved in some areas to allow space for these plantings.
- Access Road
 - APA is concerned about the impact of the road on the heritage qualities of Mowbray House. APA requests a 3m garden curtilage on the east side of Mowbray House and a picket fence to respect the character of the house and preserve the house in context.
 - When the remainder of the site is redeveloped, better access to the site will be required. APA request that the access road be designed now to meet the future traffic needs and suggest a 6m wide road plus shared pathway should be provided at this stage.
 - Associated with providing access to the site in the future, APA requests that the Mowbray Rd intersection be designed to allow traffic to:
 - Exit the site and turn left or right into Mowbray Rd, or to proceed straight ahead to Hampden Rd.
 - Enter the site from Mowbray Rd eastbound and from Hampden Rd northbound.
- Public Art Works
 - We note that there is no requirement to provide public art works in the site, however APA suggests that the inclusion of art works, such as sculptures, along Frank Channon walk would be a nice way of thanking the community for the impact the construction project has had on the area.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned on 0418442839 should you wish to clarify any of the above.

Yours faithfully,



Michael Dawes
Vice President
Artarmon Progress Association

Who we are:

The Artarmon Progress Association, Inc. (APA) was founded in 1906 as a not-for-profit group and our objectives are to promote the welfare, physical and intellectual advancement of the suburb of Artarmon and the City of Willoughby, to protect the interests of the residents, and to encourage a keener spirit of citizenship and mutual help amongst residents.

Our newsletter, the Artarmon Gazette, is distributed quarterly to over 5,000 homes and businesses in Artarmon. We regularly communicate with residents and act as a conduit between local residents and elected representatives on matters concerning our local community.