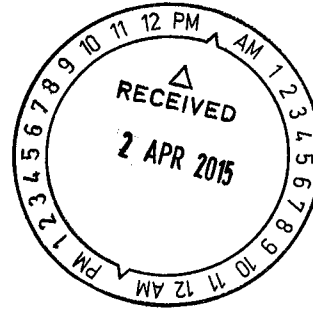


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31 March 2015

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien

PETITION NO 71 - PROPOSED WELLINGTON STREET BUS TUNNEL

I refer to your letter dated 18 February 2015 seeking the City's comments in respect to the above petition tabled in the Legislative Council on 19 November 2014.

The Council, at its meeting held on 7 October 2014, considered a development application for a second entrance from Wellington Street into the new underground bus station within the Perth City Link project, referred to the City for comment by the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority (MRA).

The Council considered it premature to make any recommendations or determination of the application for the proposed second entrance on the basis that the applicant, the Public Transport Authority (PTA), had provided insufficient evidence and data to explain how it has reached its conclusions in respect to the stated benefits of the proposal and requested that additional information be provided prior to the Council making its final comments. The Council also resolved that, should the PTA not submit the additional information the Council does not support the proposed second entrance.

The issues and concerns raised by the City and the reasons for the Council not supporting the proposal are detailed in the attached copy of the Council meeting minutes relating to this matter.

Additional information was subsequently submitted by the applicant and considered by the Council at its meeting held on 22 December 2014. The information did not alleviate the Council's previous concerns regarding the proposed second entry to the new bus station and the Council reiterated its advice to the MRA that it does not support approval of the second entrance (refer to attached Council minutes).

The City supports the petition in terms of a review of the need for the tunnel entrance from Wellington Street and that all other options should be considered, including the development of a third bus station to the east of the Perth Railway Station as previously proposed by the City.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Martin Mileham, Director City Planning and Development, on 9461 3100.

Yours sincerely

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Council Minutes 7 October 2014
Council Minutes 22 December 2014