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Maldon to Dombarton Rail Link Feasibility Study
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Dear Sir or Madam

MALDON DOMBARTON ISSUES PAPER SUBMISSION

The City of Wollongong supports the continued evaluation of this important rail link, which has the potential to benefit the Wollongong community and the broader Illawarra community through a range of economic and environmental outcomes.

The Issues paper that was released in November evaluates demand for this rail link as one of the key questions for the project. We believe that there is an additional demand through population increase that needs to be highlighted.

Wollongong City Council has worked for over 20 years on the last major land release area in the city at West Dapto. The vision for the development is 17,000 new homes, 50,000 people and 8,500 local jobs in this area. This increase in population will place additional demand on our existing road and rail transport network.

Supporting the development of this rail link is the recently released “Our Cities” National Urban Policy. This policy is focused on “better design and management of urban systems to reduce the economic and environmental costs of current urban models”.

The Maldon Dombarton rail link is viewed by Council as providing an alternative rail link to reduce the current demand on the Illawarra rail line, and existing road transport links to Sydney and further west into New South Wales.

Wollongong City Council will continue to represent Wollongong on the Project Reference Group, and we look forward to providing input in the future. Council’s representative on this Group is John Shepherd, Manager of Infrastructure. Should you require any further information please contact him on 02 4227 7208.

Yours faithfully

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