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Mr Rob Sharp Secretary, Transport for NSW Transport for NSW 231 Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW 2000

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Dear Mr Sharp

Proposed renaming of 'Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal' to 'Wentworth Point Ferry Terminal' - Parramatta LGA

On 24 May 2021, City of Parramatta Council resolved to write to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to seek TfNSW's endorsement (as the asset owner) to commence public consultation regarding a renaming process for changing the name of 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry terminal to 'Wentworth Point' ferry terminal.

Renaming the ferry wharf to 'Wentworth Point' would provide a level of naming consistency, provide an integrated identity for the suburb of Wentworth Point which relies heavily on foreshore access, reduce way-finding confusion, and reflect the true nature of this area 21 years on from the 'Best Games Ever' 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) has advised Council that the name, in full, is 'Sydney Olympic Park Ferry Terminal', though the on-site signage refers to 'Sydney Olympic Park'.

The GNB also confirmed that TfNSW are the owners of the asset and the authority required to approve any name change of the 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry wharf. The GNB would require TFNSW's endorsement to commence public consultation for a renaming process.

The 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry terminal falls within the suburb of Wentworth Point. City of Parramatta recognises the substantial population growth at Wentworth Point. Wentworth Point is identified in Council's 'Community Strategic Plan 2018-2038' as one of Council's "Major Precincts" and in Council's 'Community Infrastructure Strategy' (CIS) as a "High-Growth Precinct".



Sydney Olympic Park ferry terminal is now in much closer proximity to Wentworth Point as a high-density residential suburb of 9,000 residents (to grow to 28,000 residents by 2036) than to Sydney Olympic Park as a destination.

In addition, City of Parramatta Council was recently approached by Sekisui House (developer of the 'Sanctuary' site in Sydney Olympic Park) with a request to amend the Wentworth Point suburb boundary to include the 'Sanctuary' development area. This development area is located at the northern tip of Wentworth Point adjacent to Hill Road (refer to **Attachment 1**) and remains named as being in the Sydney Olympic Park suburb area. Council has provided 'in principle' support for this boundary change given the fact that the location of the residential development is much more proximate to Wentworth Point than to Sydney Olympic Park. The 'Sydney Olympic Park' ferry wharf also falls into this area.

Section 9.3 of the GNB Place naming policy states that "Changes are discouraged unless the change has been deemed to be in the public interest or for safety reasons." Council believes that for the reasons outlined in this letter, there is a strong public interest justification for renaming the asset to 'Wentworth Point' ferry wharf.

Council formally requests TfNSW's endorsement to commence the renaming process with the GNB.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Council's Group Manager Place Services, Bruce Mills on bmills@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or 0458 213 138.

Yours Sincerely,

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