9 July 2019

As addressed

Dear Submitter

Additional Declaration – North East Link Inquiry and Advisory Committee Member

At the Directions Hearing on 21 June 2019, the IAC made a number of declarations in relation to private interests. The purpose of this correspondence is to bring to the attention of submitters a further declaration by one of the IAC’s members.

Since the Directions Hearing, a member of the IAC has discovered that the member and an associated trust are one of a number of beneficiaries of a trust in respect of a commercial property near the Manningham Road/Bulleen Road intersection. The member was aware that the property trust owned a number of rental properties Australia wide, but was not aware of the location of this property until now and has had no direct involvement with the property at any time.

The registered proprietor of the land is a corporate trustee which holds the land on trust for the beneficiaries. The member is not a director or shareholder of the corporate trustee and has no control or influence over its decisions. However, the member is entitled to a fixed percentage of income and capital from the property trust if a profit is generated.

In terms of the relevance of this to the North East Link proposal under consideration, the property is outside the Project Area. The company that is the registered proprietor of the land and acts as trustee of the trust was not notified of the proposal and did not make a submission in respect of the EES or associated approvals. The corporate trustee will not participate in any way in the IAC hearing process.

Any submitter who wishes to make a submission regarding this further declaration should do so in writing to the IAC by close of business on Tuesday 16 July 2019. The IAC will circulate any such written submissions to other submitters as necessary. The IAC will consider any such submission and make a ruling on it before the hearing is due to commence so as to minimise any potential for disruption to the hearing.

Yours sincerely

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