

### Stage 3 Unsolicited Proposal

The NSW Government has decided to progress the proposal described below to Stage 3 of the unsolicited proposals process. The objective of Stage 3 is to finalise all outstanding issues with a view to entering into a binding agreement. The NSW Government has not agreed to the proposal.

**Proponent:** WSO Co. Pty Limited (Transurban Limited, Queensland Investment Corporation and Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board)

**Proposal:** M7-M12 Integration and Delivery

### Description:

The proponent proposes to:

- a) Widen the M7 Motorway, by constructing one additional northbound lane and one additional southbound lane in the median of the M7 to provide three lanes in each direction on the M7 from the M5 Motorway to Richmond Road;
- b) Deliver the M7-M12 Interchange, being a connection between the M7 Motorway and the new M12 Motorway; and
- c) Deliver a connection between Elizabeth Drive and the new M12 Motorway.

### Public Benefits:

Widening the M7 would aim to:

- support the growth of Western Sydney by meeting demand for road travel
- improve productivity by reducing journey time on a key freight route
- reduce stop-start traffic that would improve the safe flow of traffic, and
- reduce traffic in the local road network, enabling liveable and safe urban communities.

The proposal integrates with the M12, a 16km east-west motorway being developed by Transport for NSW to service the Western Sydney International Airport and Western Parkland City growth area. The M12 Motorway is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments and is scheduled to open in 2026. Further information on the M12 Motorway Project is available at [M12 Motorway - Projects - Roads and Waterways - Transport for NSW](#).

Integrated delivery of the proposed works will reduce the cost to government and reduce disruption to M7 traffic and local communities.

**Justification for advancing to Stage 3 of the unsolicited proposals process:**

The proponent is uniquely placed to deliver the proposal and potentially deliver better transport and value for money outcomes than could otherwise be achieved. As concessionaire of the M7 Motorway, the proponent is the only party that could widen the M7 and provide anticipated project delivery efficiencies for the new connections to the M12 Motorway.

**Stage 3 Governance:**

A Proposal Steering Committee has been established as follows:

- Transport for NSW (chair)
- Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade
- NSW Treasury
- Department of Premier and Cabinet

At the end of Stage 3, the Proposal Steering Committee will make recommendations to the NSW Government on whether to accept the Stage 3 Binding Offer.

An Assessment Panel has also been established and will report to the Proposal Steering Committee:

- Transport for NSW (chair)
- NSW Treasury.

The Assessment Panel will be supported by a range of commercial, technical and legal advisors.

**Probity Adviser:**

O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Limited is engaged to provide probity services in relation to the unsolicited proposal for M7-M12 Integration and Delivery.

**NSW Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade**

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