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Dear Mr Olling

Thank you for your e-mail to the former Minister for Roads about the International Radio Transmitting Station Site, Shanes Park and the Cumberland Conservation Corridor. The Minister for Transport and Roads now has responsibility for this portfolio, and has asked me to respond on his behalf. I apologise for the delay.

The Castlereagh corridor has been in place for many decades to provide for the future transport needs of urban development in Western Sydney.

The North West Growth Centre has been identified as a primary location for development in Western Sydney for the next several decades. This corridor has the potential to provide for some of the transport needs of the Shanes Park, Marsden Park and Marsden Park Industrial precincts of that centre, together with any other future development that may occur further to the west of the Growth Centre.

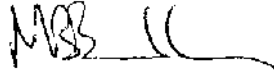
The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has no plans to construct a road in the corridor in the short to medium term. Therefore, the road corridor provides medium-term protection for the existing vegetation. The RTA appreciates the need for the retention of native vegetation in Western Sydney and this matter would be given serious consideration as part of any road planning in the corridor in the longer term.

The impact on the Shanes Park area would not be known until the final agreement for any future transport corridor is decided. Your suggestion to re-route the corridor to the north of the Shanes Park Conservation area has been considered. The advanced state of the planning and development of the Marsden Park Industrial area precludes relocation to the north.

Based on the above, the RTA is not prepared to recommend the requested abandonment or relocation of the Castlereagh Corridor at this stage.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to the former Minister with your views. The action officer for this matter in the RTA is Mr John Hart, Transport Planning Manager, who can be contacted on (02) 8849 2105.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MBSB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Michael Bushby
Chief Executive

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