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**TRANSPORT, VETERANS**

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## TRANSPORT, VETERANS

### Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC *(on behalf of the Opposition)*

#### Electric Bus Manufacturing

1. Does the Department have a long term plan for how it will procure all 8000 electric buses it has promised to deliver by 2030?
2. Does the Department have a plan to spread procurement efforts across NSW to increase overall manufacturing capacity?
3. Given the need to procure 8000 electric buses by 2030, is the Department concerned that Nexport's proposed \$700 million manufacturing facility at Bowral has been shelved?
4. Nexport said in a statement that they not been able to secure any certainty from the state government about the project. Are you concerned by Nexport's public position?
5. What measures does the Government have in place to secure certainty and increase long term capacity from bus manufacturers across the state?
6. Does the Department have a plan to deliver long term infrastructure plans for depots and charging infrastructure for the bus operators?
7. Does the Department have a plan to assist operators who will need to upgrade their existing depots?
8. Has the Department made a decision as to whether electric buses and associated infrastructure will be leased to private operators or whether they will have to procure them themselves?
9. How many of the 79 Electric Buses procured by Custom Denning will be going to Region 6?
10. Has the Department taken any steps to procure any domestically made electric buses for any other regions?
11. Does the Department plan on providing any requirements for local content in its bus procurement contracts?
12. Does the Department have plans to require a specific percentage of local content in its bus contract?
13. What is the Government doing to support vocational standards, qualifications and education for workers manufacturing and repairing electric buses and other EV's?

#### Freshwater Class ferries

14. Further to the announcement from former Minister Rob Stokes in December 2020 that the Freshwater class ferry *Narrabeen* will be re-engineered and made available for service, what is the current status of this project?

15. What is the estimated cost of this project?
16. When will the project be completed?
17. When will the *Narrabeen* be available to return to revenue service carrying passengers?

### **35m Emerald Class ferries**

18. Did the Fairlight's starboard engine fail when it was conducting safety drills and a Master's assessment on 22/12/2021?
19. Was VTS notified?
20. Would you be concerned if a manager informed the Training Master not to inform VTS?
21. Are you aware that it is a legal requirement to inform VTS if such an incident occurs?
22. Was an AMSA Form 19 sent to Transdev regarding this incident given that is also a legal requirement?

### **24m River class ferries**

23. What is the status of the ten new 24m River class vessels and the remedial work that has been performed?
24. Are all ten ferries in operation?
25. Can all ten ferries operate with passengers at night?
26. What is the estimated date that all ten ferries can operate with passengers during both the day and night, without restriction?
27. Does the NSW Government bear the cost of the remedial work for the 24m River Class ferries with regards to the wheelhouses?
28. If so, what is the cost of that work?

### **Manly Fast Ferry**

29. Why is the NSW Government calling for a 15 year contract on the Manly route to perform the work currently done by My Fast Ferry with patronage levels on the Manly route being significantly disturbed by COVID-19?
30. Does the NSW Government intend on having both Transdev Sydney Ferries and the operator of the new Manly contract operating side by side moving forward?

### **Wire-drawn ferries**

31. The contract for the wire-drawn ferries that operate at Sackville ferry, Webb's Creek ferry, Wisemans ferry, Mortlake ferry and Berowra ferry nominally expired on 8 November 2020 and has been subject to extensions, can the actual expiry date of the current contract be confirmed?
32. When will the new wire-drawn ferry contract for the Sydney ferries go for tender?
33. It is understood the Berowra Ferry was built in 1961, Webb's Creek Ferry in 1959, and Mortlake Ferry in 1960. What plans are in place for vessel renewal for these ferries?
34. Is Transport for NSW aware of any industrial relations matter regarding the payment of wages on wire-drawn ferries that operate at Sackville ferry, Webb's Creek ferry, Wisemans ferry, Mortlake ferry and Berowra ferry?

### **Ferry Service Cancellations**

35. How many service cancellations have occurred on the Ferry network over the last 12 months?
36. How many due to staff shortages?
37. How many due to the swell height on the harbour?
38. How many due to other weather conditions?

### **Taxi Compensation**

39. What further consultation is planned around the proposed taxi license reforms now that face-to-face consultation is possible again?
40. What process or formula is the Department using to determine the levels of compensation being considered?
41. Has the Department conducted research into the financial impact of the proposed reforms for current taxi license holders?
42. What will the impact be?
43. What is the average loss that a current taxi license holder is likely to take under the current proposals?
44. Does the Department have a view as to the timing for these reforms?

### **Wheelchair Accessible Taxis**

45. Have there been any decisions taken by the government about new incentives for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis?
46. What are they?
47. What is the total cost of the new incentives?

48. Will they apply to existing WATs, or only new WATs?
49. Are the incentives indefinite or one-offs?
50. The Government's own review said that WATs will no longer be financially viable unless new subsidies are offered. These reforms are imminent, aren't they?

### **Transfer of Cultural Icons to Transports**

51. Is the Minister for Transport aware that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment will have key cultural icons of the state including Parramatta Park, parts of Callan Park, The Rocks, Luna park, White Bay, and Barangaroo transferred to Transport?
52. Is the Minister able to advise as to what is the impact to staff currently assigned to these areas?
53. Can the Minister advise as to what is the cost in simple terms such as IT in transferring to Transport?
54. Can the Minister explain as to the benefit to the state and the people who undertake these roles in transferring to Transport?
55. Will there be a loss of roles and functions?
56. Will these icons suffer in the transfer?

### **E-Scooter Trial**

57. Does the Department know how many e-scooters are currently being used in NSW?
58. Large retailers including Harvey Norman sell them, and many models are advertised as capable of doing speeds well in excess of 30 kph. What speed does the Minister think is appropriate for e-scooters?
59. Has the Department undertaken any testing at Crash Lab or gathered data on safety, speed and the appropriateness of different e-scooter models?
60. Would the Department be prepared to do so?
61. How will speeds be regulated for private devices?
62. Is there a plan to manage age-limits for the use of e-scooters?
63. Will insurance be required?
64. If yes, how will this be enforced?
65. Does Department wish to understand whether e-scooter use enables more people to reduce car trips? (reducing congestion on roads, public transport, and carbon impacts)
66. How will this be measured during a trial of private devices?

### **Macquarie Fields Station Accessibility**

67. Are accessibility improvements required at Macquarie Fields Station for the Government to meet its compliance targets set out by the Disability Standards for Public Transport 2002 made under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992?
68. What accessibility improvements, such as lifts, are required at Macquarie Fields Station for the Government to meet its obligations under the Disability Standards for Public Transport 2002?
69. Will the Government fail to meet the 100 per cent compliance deadline set out by the Disability Standards for Public Transport 2002 if accessibility improvements are not made at Macquarie Fields Station by December 2022?
70. Of the more than \$2 billion committed to the Transport Access Program since 2011, how much money has been spent at Macquarie Fields Station?
71. Have investigations been carried out to determine the accessibility improvements required at Macquarie Fields Station?
  - (a) If so, what was the outcome of the investigations?
  - (b) Have costings been prepared for required works?
    - i. If so, what is the cost of required works?
    - ii. If not, when will costings for required works be prepared?
72. Will money be allocated to accessibility improvements at Macquarie Fields Station in the 2022-23 Budget?
  - (a) If so, how much and what works will be funded?
  - (b) If not, why not?

### **Denham Court Public School bus service**

73. What investigations did Transport for NSW carry out in relation to the need for a school bus service to service Denham Court Public School before the school opened in 2021?
  - (a) What was the outcome of those investigations?
74. What investigations has Transport for NSW carried out in relation to the need for a school bus service to service Denham Court Public School since the school opened in 2021?
  - (a) What was the outcome of those investigations?
75. Has the school, Interline Bus Services, Department of Education or School Infrastructure NSW requested a school bus service from Edmondson Park to Denham Court Public School?
  - (a) If so, when were the requests made?

(b) What was the response from Transport for NSW?

76. Given the catchment area of Denham Court Public School extends to Edmondson Park, what is the reason behind not providing a school bus service from Edmondson Park to the school?

77. Are there plans to introduce a school bus service from Edmondson Park to the school?

(a) If not, why not?

(b) If so, when will the service be operational?

### **Swansea Channel**

78. As of 4 March 2022, how many applications have been submitted for the current Swansea Channel dredging tender?

79. As of 4 March 2022, how many applications have been made from Hunter and Central Coast based dredging companies for the current Swansea Channel dredging tender?

80. As of 4 March 2022, how many applications have been made from dredging companies not based in the Hunter or Central Coast for the current Swansea Channel dredging tender?

81. In July 2021, the Honourable Taylor Martin MLC – Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, announced that Swansea Channel would be the first of five NSW waterways to benefit from the Government's \$6.2 million dredging program. As of 4 March 2022, Swansea Channel has not seen a cent spent from this program. When will this dredging program commence in Swansea Channel?

82. Since coming into power in 2011, has the Government modelled funding a shared dredging program to permanently operate between the Central Coast and Myall Lakes?

83. What is the number of stakeholder complaints needed to trigger Transport for NSW to call for tenders for Swansea Channel?

84. Given the number of stakeholder complaints about the difficulties navigating Swansea Channel, why has the tender not been issued?

85. What data does Transport for NSW consider before calling for tenders for the dredging of Swansea Channel?

### **Noise Abatement program:**

86. What is the average timeframe for an application – from the initial application, assessment, and the completion of the noise mitigation treatment?

87. What is the success rate?

88. How many applications for the program have been approved in the last five years?
89. How many applications have been completed within the electorate of Kogarah in the last five years?
90. In reference to the above: on what streets are they located within the Kogarah electorate?
91. What type of remediation works does the scheme include? (i.e. insulation, window glazing)
92. What is the average total cost of a noise abatement treatment irrespective of the cost-sharing arrangement?
93. What is the breakdown of approvals across the State?

### **Pacific Highway upgrade through Wyong town centre**

94. What is the current status of the project?
  - (a) When will the detailed plan be released?
  - (b) This project has been in planning since 2009 with an independent review released in 2013 and \$9.5m for detailed planning in 2019/20;
    - i. When will construction commence on the project?

### **February Service Suspension on the Airport Line**

95. Were services on the Airport line suspended in February?
96. If so, exactly what happened?
97. Was this the type of major decision which the Minister said would be subject to his written endorsement?
98. What has been done to prevent this from recurring?

### **Parramatta Light Rail**

99. Has the NSW Government committed to build Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail?
100. Given that in 2017 former Premier for NSW Gladys Berejiklian confirmed “planning for stage two was underway and is expected to be completed throughout 2018”. Why was that planning not completed in 2018?
101. What was the original projected cost of the Business Plan for Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail?
102. Given that former Transport Minister Andrew Constance stated on Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail “We are going to finalise a business case for this project by the end of 2018 and are



working with communities to ensure we can maximise the potential for this option”, why, with \$20 million allocated in the 2018/19 Budget and \$2 million in the 2019/20 Budget, has another \$50 million been allocated for a business case in the 2021/22 Budget?

103. What is the NSW Government’s projected completion date for Stage 2 of the Parramatta Light Rail?

**Disability Employment**

104. How many employees who identify with having a disability are employed by:

- (a) Department of Transport
- (b) Greater Sydney Commission
- (c) Infrastructure NSW
- (d) Newcastle Port Corporation
- (e) Transport Asset Holding Entity

105. How many senior managers who identify with having a disability are employed by:

- (a) Department of Transport
- (b) Greater Sydney Commission
- (c) Infrastructure NSW
- (d) Newcastle Port Corporation
- (e) Transport Asset Holding Entity

**Department of Transport headcount**

106. To Secretary Rob Sharp: can you provide the projected employee headcount for the Department of Transport by salary band as per the financial years in the table below?

Annual Salary	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
<\$50,000			
\$50,001-\$75,000			
\$75,001 - \$100,000			
\$100,001 - \$125,000			
\$125,001 - \$150,000			
>\$150,000			
TOTAL			

**Department of Transport annual reports**

107. To Secretary Rob Sharp: Can you please provide the projected budget figures for the Department of Transport as per the financial years in the table below?

	2022	2023	2024
<b>Expenses excluding losses</b>			
Operating expenses			
Employee related expenses			
Other operating expenses			
Major rail project expense			
Depreciation and amortisation			
Grants and subsidies			
Finance costs			
Other expenses			
<b>Total expenses excluding losses</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>			
Appropriation			
Sale of goods and services from contracts			
with customers			
Investment revenue			
Retained taxes, fees and fines			
Grants and contributions			
Acceptance by the Crown of employee benefits and other liabilities			
Major rail project revenue			
Personnel service revenue			
Other revenue			
<b>Total revenue</b>			
Gain/(loss) on disposal			
Other gains/(losses)			
Impairment reversal/(loss) on financial assets			
<b>Net result</b>			

108. To Secretary Rob Sharp: Can you please provide the projected budget figures for the Department of Transport expenses as per the financial years in the table below?

**Maintenance**

	2022	2023	2024
Operational maintenance			
Fleet hire and other rental charges			
Corporate services, information technology and telecommunications			
Contractors and materials			
Other			
<b>Maintenance expense</b>			
Employee related maintenance expense included in Note 2(a)			
<b>Total maintenance expense including employee related</b>			

**Other operating expenses**

	2022	2023	2024
Auditor's remuneration - audit of financial statements			
Advertising and marketing			
Cashback refund - M4/M5			
Cleaning waste and pest control			
Communications			
Consultants and other contractors			
Corporate management fees			
Electricity, gas and water			
Expenses relating to short term leases			
Expenses relating to low value assets			
Variable lease payments not included in lease liabilities			
External maintenance costs			
Fleet and equipment hire and leasing charges			
Fuel costs			
General expenses			
Information technology			
Insurance			
Internal audit fees			
Land and buildings remediation			
Legal services			
Materials			
Office expenses			
Payments to councils and external bodies			
Property charges			
Royalties and commissions			
Security costs			
Special number plates concession fees			
Sydney Harbour Tunnel operating expenses			
Taxes, rates and related charges			
Travel expenses			
<b>Other operating expenses</b>			

**Major rail project expenses**

	2022	2023	2024
Professional service contractors			
Property acquisition			
Insurance			
Legal services			
Rent and other related expenses			
Information technology and telecommunication expenses			
Other			

Employee related expenses			
<b>Major rail project expenses</b>			
<b>Gross amount due from/(to) TAHE and billing to date are as follows:</b>			
Costs incurred			
Billings to date			
<b>Gross amount due from TAHE</b>			

### Depreciation and amortisation

	2022	2023	2024
<b>Infrastructure systems:</b>			
Road and maritime infrastructure systems			
Rail infrastructure systems			
<b>Buildings:</b>			
Buildings			
<b>Plant and equipment:</b>			
Rolling stock			
Ferries			
Buses			
Plant and equipment			
<b>Depreciation</b>			
Right of use assets			
<b>Depreciation - right of use assets</b>			
<b>Amortisation:</b>			
Intangible assets			
<b>Amortisation</b>			
<b>Depreciation and amortisation</b>			

### Grants and subsidies

	2022	2023	2024
Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme			
Community transport groups			
Private vehicle conveyance			
Carparks and interchanges			
Grants to local councils - maintenance of transport infrastructure			
Grants to local councils & other parties - transfer of infrastructure assets			
National transport regulators			
Road safety grant to NSW Police			
Others			
Rail services and capital works <sup>3</sup>			
Point to point assistance package			
<b>Grants and subsidies</b>			

**Finance costs**

	2022	2023	2024
Interest expense from lease liabilities			
Interest expense from finance liabilities at amortised cost			
Interest expenses on NSW TCorp borrowings			
Other finance costs			
<b>Finance costs</b>			

**Other expenses**

	2022	2023	2024
Bus contract payments - metropolitan and outer metro bus operators			
Bus contract payments - rural and regional bus operators			
Major events - hire of bus and rail services			
Ferry contract payments			
Light rail contract payments			
Nightride bus services			
Metro contract payments			
<b>Other expenses</b>			

109. To Secretary Rob Sharp: Can you please provide the projected budget figures for the Department of Transport revenues as per the financial years in the table below?

**Appropriation**

	2022	2023	2024
Appropriations Act			
Additional/(reduced) Appropriations			
Section 4.13 GSF Act 2018 - exigencies of Government			
Section 4.11 GSF Act 2018 - variations for annual appropriation for Commonwealth grants			
Payments Variation under the Appropriation Act - transfers to/from agency			
Section 34 of the Appropriations Act 2020			

COVID 19 Pandemic Variance			
<b>Total appropriations/ expenditure/ net claim on Consolidated Fund (includes transfer payments)</b>			
<b>Appropriation drawn down against Appropriation</b>			
<b>Liability to Consolidated Fund</b>			
Appropriation (Per Statement of comprehensive income)			
Comprising:			
Recurrent appropriations			
Capital appropriations			

**Sale of goods and services  
from contacts with customers**

	2022	2023	2024
Passenger service revenue			
Toll revenue including E-tag Number plates			
Fees earned from road and maritime infrastructure assets			
Works and services including construction contract revenue			
Third party insurance data access charges			
Advertising			
Publications			
Fees for services rendered including salary recoupments			
Access fees			
Other			
<b>Sale of goods and services</b>			

**Investment revenue**

	2022	2023	2024
Rental income			
TCorp IM Funds designated at fair value through profit or loss			

Interest income from financial assets not at fair value			
Finance income on the net investment in the lease			
Amortisation of zero interest Sydney Harbour Tunnel loan			
Ferry lease revenue			
<b>Investment revenue</b>			

**Retained taxes, fees and fines**

	2022	2023	2024
Fines			
Insurance claims and fees			
<b>Retained taxes, fees and fines</b>			

**Grants and contributions**

	2022	2023	2024
Community transport grants			
NSW government agencies - others (non-transport)			
Private firms and individuals			
Grants from Transport for NSW			
The Crown in the right of the State of New South Wales			
Local councils			
Other government agencies			
<b>Grants and contributions</b>			

**Acceptance by the Crown of employee benefits and other liabilities**

	2022	2023	2024
Superannuation - defined benefit Long service leave Payroll tax			
<b>Acceptance by the Crown of employee benefits and other liabilities</b>			

### Major rail project revenue

	2022	2023	2024
Major rail project revenue			
<b>Major rail project revenue</b>			
Major rail project revenue relates to construction activities performed by the consolidated entity on behalf of TAHE. These amounts were eliminated on consolidation in the prior year. Refer to Note 29(c) for further information.			

### Personnel service revenue

	2022	2023	2024
Fee for personnel services			
<b>Personnel service revenue</b>			

### Other revenue

	2022	2023	2024
M2 and Eastern Distributor promissory notes			
Recognition of assets			
Revenue related to service concession arrangements			
Other			
<b>Other revenue</b>			

### Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

110. Has the NSW Government made an official submission to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide yet?

(a) If so, when?

(b) If not, why not?



- i. Does the government intend to lodge a submission?
- 111. What programs does the NSW Government have in place to specifically support veterans who have attempted suicide or who are deemed at risk of suicide?
  - (a) How much funding was provided for those programs by the NSW Government in 21/22
- 112. What programs does the NSW Government have in place to specifically support children of veterans of current Australian Defence Forces personnel?
  - (a) How much funding was provided for those programs by the NSW Government in 21/22?
- 113. Does the NSW Government keep statistics on the number of veterans in NSW who have committed suicide or attempted suicide?
  - (a) If so, what are those statistics?
  - (b) If not, why not?
    - i. Are there any intentions to establish procedures or protocols to monitor the number of veterans in NSW who have committed suicide or attempted suicide?

#### **Office of Veterans Affairs**

- 114. What is the full time equivalent (FTE) of the Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA)?
  - (a) How many FTEs were in the OVA in 20/21?
  - (b) How many FTEs were in the OVA in 2018/19?
  - (c) How many FTEs were in the OVA in 2015/16
  - (d) How many people does the OVA employ?
- 115. How many people in the OVA were employed as a result of the Veterans Employment Program?
  - (a) If so, how many?
    - i. What are their roles?
    - ii. How long have they been employed in the OVA?
  - (b) If none, are there intentions to employ people in the OVA via the Veterans Employment Program?
- 116. How many people in the OVA are veterans?
  - (a) How many are partners or children of veterans?
- 117. What was the budget for the OVA in 2021/22?
  - (a) What was the budget for the OVA in 2020/21?

- (b) What was the budget for the OVA in 2019/18?
  - (c) What was the budget for the OVA in 2015/16?
118. Where are the OVA offices based?
- (a) If leased, when does the current lease expire?
119. Have there been any discussions about relocating the OVA?
- (a) Do you anticipate the OVA will need to be relocated?
120. What role does the OVA have in supporting/assisting the National Centre for Veterans at Concord Hospital?
- (a) Has there been any discussions about increasing the OVA's involvement with the National Centre for Veterans?
121. How many veterans did the Ranks to Recognition (RTR) assist so far in 21/22?
- (a) How many veterans did RTR assist in 20/21?
122. How many partners or spouses did RTR assist in 21/22?
- (a) How many partners or spouses did RTR assist in 20/21?
123. How many veterans has the Veterans Skill Program assisted to date?

### **Cruise ships in Jervis Bay**

124. Is the NSW Ports Authority, or any department, considering allowing cruise ships to visit Jervis Bay?
125. Why are commercial cruise companies advertising to visit Jervis Bay in December 2022?
- (a) Did companies advertising cruises to Jervis Bay in December 2022 consult with the NSW Ports Authority?
126. The NSW Government Draft Marine Park Plan includes references to cruise ship visitation as an economic driver for Jervis Bay Marine Park. Was the NSW Port Authority consulted during the development of the Draft Plan?

### **\$30 million Gosford Commuter Car Park Project**

127. What is the status of the \$30 million Gosford Commuter Car Park commitment made by the Federal Government before the last election?
128. Is the NSW Government surveying potential sites for conceptual designs?
129. What sites have the NSW Government surveyed?
130. What is the timeline for this project?

131. When was the last meeting between Transport for NSW and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications regarding the Gosford Car Park project?
132. Has Transport for NSW produced a Strategic Business Case document for this project and if so can we be provided with a copy?
133. Has Transport for NSW produced a Draft Development Project Proposal Report and if so can we be provided with a copy?
134. To this date, how much of the \$30 million commitment made by the Federal Government been spent on the delivery of this project?

**\$5 million Woy Woy Commuter Car Park Project**

135. What is the status of the \$5 million Woy Woy Commuter Car Park Project commitment made by the Federal Government before the last election?
136. Is the NSW Government surveying potential sites for conceptual designs?
137. What sites have the NSW Government surveyed?
138. What is the timeline for this project?
139. When was the last meeting between Transport for NSW and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications regarding the \$5 million Woy Woy Commuter Car Park Project?
140. Has Transport for NSW produced a Strategic Business Case document for this project and if so can we be provided with a copy?
141. Has Transport for NSW produced a Draft Development Project Proposal Report and if so can we be provided with a copy?
142. To this date, how much of the \$5 million commitment made by the Federal Government been spent on the delivery of this project?

## TRANSPORT

### Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

#### Climate risk

143. Does Transport have a climate change adaptation plan?
144. What active steps is Transport undertaking to deal with flood risk and other climate change risks?

#### Medlow Bath

145. Why is Transport for NSW refusing to produce an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the entire Katoomba – Lithgow upgrade of the Great Western Highway and why does it think combining REFS is sufficient and will satisfy the local community, when a REF covers a narrower corridor of investigation?
146. Is Transport for NSW avoiding an EIS as an EIS must include consideration of alternative options to a proposed plan?
147. In 2013 the Blue Mountains City Council did a Plan of Management for Medlow Bath Park which identified six Aboriginal sites within one kilometre of the park. Under these circumstances, why is a REF more acceptable to the Department of Transport than an EIS?
148. How will exhaust fumes from increased traffic through Medlow Bath be reduced and how will the noise pollution be addressed?
149. How is the TfNSW going to address the issue of pollution and noise in relation to species such as the Brown Gerygone, Crescent Honeyeater, Large Billed Scrubwren, Channel Bill Cuckoos, New Holland Honeyeaters etc and their habitats in Medlow Bath?
150. How will TfNSW protect the historical row of oak trees planted in 1933 extending from the bridge at Medlow Bath northwards, and which will be impacted by pollution from the project's planned funnelling of traffic via a spillway in Station Street in close proximity to the trees?
151. How does Transport for NSW support the provision of narrow traffic lanes in the proposed highway upgrade in Medlow Bath. They are not in accordance with published standard safety widths for multiple lane traffic, particularly with the larger trucks proposed for the highway?
152. How does TfNSW propose to fully mitigate the greatly increased overland flow and vehicle pollution draining from the widened GWH through Medlow Bath Park and into the drinking water catchments for the Upper Blue Mountains?

153. What mitigation of the increased traffic noise will be provided by TfNSW to the Medlow Bath Tourist Accommodation establishments and residents of the village?
154. How many hollow trees (providing potential wildlife habitat) will be removed by the widening of the highway from Katoomba to Blackheath?