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Dear Rob

**RE: Sydney Metro City and South West – ER Monthly Reports for January 2026**

Healthy Buildings International (HBI) submits this report to the Secretary in accordance with:

- Condition A26 (j) of the Sydney Metro Sydenham to Bankstown Upgrade SSI\_8256 Approval (12 December 2018) and associated modifications MOD1\_Bankstown Station and Mod 2\_Modification to A9, D3 and E53 (2 June 2025).

The attached summaries detail the key activities undertaken by Environmental Representatives for Sydney Metro – City and Southwest, Sydenham to Bankstown for the month of **January 2026**.

Note that this report is separate to the proposed final Environmental Representative Report required to be submitted to the Secretary for the Sydney Metro – City and Southwest, Chatswood to Sydenham for the period of 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026 to be submitted by 29 January 2027.

Yours sincerely

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1. Sydenham to Bankstown – TSOM

Project Approval	Contract Package	EPL	Environmental Representative/s
SSI 8256 (S2B)	Trains, Systems, Operation and Maintenance (TSOM)	JHLOR EPL 21147 – MTR continues to work under JHLOR CEMP, and subplans SSI 8256	Maulik Bapodara
<b>Key Construction Activities During the Period</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Southwest corridor and stations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing and commissioning of electrical infrastructure</li> <li>• Testing and commissioning of trains</li> <li>• Testing and commissioning of Public Announcement (PA) Systems at platforms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>Key Construction Activities Look Ahead</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Southwest corridor and stations</b> Marrickville, Dulwich Hill, Hurlstone Park, Canterbury, Campsie, Belmore, Lakemba, Wiley Park, Punchbowl and Bankstown Stations:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing and commissioning of field equipment</li> <li>• Dynamic Train Testing activities</li> <li>• Noise monitoring related to train testing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>ER Inspections</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The works at station platform and Metro Service Buildings (MSBs) such as cable pulling were observed by the ER while inspecting SWM3 sites, no issues were raised.</li> </ul>			
<b>Photos</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>			
<b>Endorsed Document/s</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ER reviewed an OOHW permit for the Public Announcement System testing activities revisions A and B dated 28 January 2026 which included low impact activities including testing of Public Announcement systems at Marrickville Station for one night. These activities are proposed to be undertaken under OOHW Protocol and ER endorsement is yet to be provided.</li> </ul>			
<b>Community Consultation</b>			
The monthly project related notifications were issued on 25 January 2026.			
<b>Non-compliance/ Incidents or Repeat Complaints</b>			
<p>Sydney Metro has been providing summaries of complaints to DPHI weekly and a summary to the ER. Responses to each complaint have been noted in each complaint report, with follow up actions often defined in revised reports. Key or repeat items of note are discussed below for the respective projects.</p> <p>There were no incidents for TSOM reported to the ER under condition A36 of SSI 8256.</p> <p>No non-compliances were raised by the ER, Sydney Metro or reported to the ER during the reporting period.</p> <p>Project related complaints: Three complaints were received during the reporting period. Complaints decreased from five complaints to three complaints during this reporting period in comparison to the previous month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One complaint related to squealing noise from trains and rail related to Dynamic Train Testing</li> <li>▪ One complaint related to Sydney Metro train operations causing disruptions</li> <li>▪ One complaint related to Public Announcement System noise during standard construction hours</li> </ul> <p>Unrelated Project complaints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nil</li> </ul>			



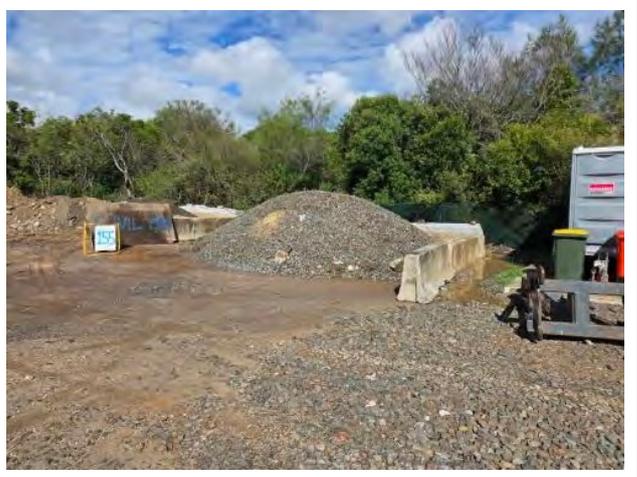
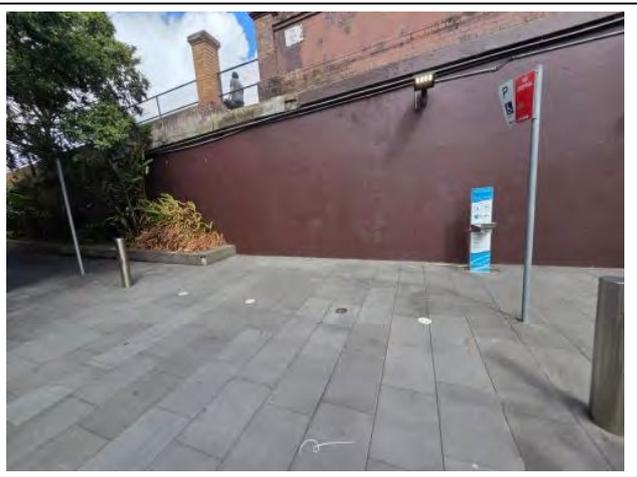
<b>Audits</b>
▪ No audits
<b>Looking Forward – Core Focus Areas</b>
▪ Works at platforms within close proximity of heritage listed stations
▪ Testing and commissioning (Trial Running activities) between Sydenham and Bankstown



2. [Southwest Metro Corridor Package 3 \(SWM3\) JHLOR](#)

Project Approval	Contract Package	EPL	Environmental Representative/s
SSI 8256 (S2B)	Southwest Metro Corridor Package 3 (SWM3) JHLOR	#21147	Maulik Bapodara

Key Construction Activities - During the Period
<p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minor works for various disciplines including security gates, earthing and bonding electrical works ongoing</li> <li>▪ Bridge screens installation at Foord Avenue, Hurlstone Park, Ness St and Cooks River</li> <li>▪ Completion of removal of redundant 33kV HV poles and feeders at various locations</li> <li>▪ Dulwich Hill Station - Plaza and retaining wall installation nearing completion</li> <li>▪ Foord Avenue, Hurlstone Park - Overhead Crash Beam installation works nearing completion</li> <li>▪ Ness Street, Dulwich Hill - Overhead Crash Beam installation works nearing completion</li> <li>▪ Security fence repairs nearing completion</li> </ul> <p>All Corridor Stations (summary):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Services install. Gutter/down pipe installation, UGL wiring &amp; testing of platform doors, internal fit out and painting</li> <li>▪ Installation of brackets and containment continues. Roofing and painting works nearing completion</li> </ul> <p>Other works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Canterbury Compound - Site offices and amenities in operation, ongoing fuel and gas storage</li> <li>▪ North Terrace Compound, Bankstown: Site offices and amenities, ongoing fuel and gas storage</li> <li>▪ Belmore Triangle - Laydown area operations ongoing including material stockpiles, concrete and liquid waste management</li> <li>▪ Punchbowl Station - Platform works nearing completion, landscaping works ongoing</li> <li>▪ Campsie - Platform works nearing completion</li> <li>▪ Marrickville Station - Platform works nearing completion</li> <li>▪ Canterbury Station – Platform works nearing completion</li> <li>▪ Lakemba Station – Platform and landscaping works nearing completion</li> <li>▪ Belmore Station – Platform works ongoing</li> <li>▪ Wiley Park - Platform works ongoing</li> <li>▪ Bankstown Station – Platform works nearing completion</li> <li>▪ Ongoing tree impact assessments related to Corridor Intrusion Detection Systems and Object Detection Systems (CIDS/ODS), pruning, removal and ecologist supervision. Some sections adjacent to Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) and threatened species, e.g. Belmore Station, Bruest Street ramp (Punchbowl), Urunga Parade (Punchbowl), South Terrace (Bankstown)</li> <li>▪ Ongoing installation of security cameras related to CIDS/ODS package</li> <li>▪ Vegetation management within the rail corridor</li> <li>▪ Stockpile management including waste classification, waste tracking, load-in / load-out, management of site accesses and truck routes</li> </ul>

Key Construction Activities Look Ahead	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Platform works at all stations</li> <li>▪ Charles Street, and Ness Street Overhead Crash Beam installation</li> <li>▪ Survey and defect inspections at all stations</li> <li>▪ Vegetation removal related to JHLOR and CIDS and ODS packages</li> <li>▪ Installation of security cameras at various locations within the rail corridor</li> <li>▪ Testing and commissioning between Sydenham and Bankstown</li> </ul>	
ER Inspections	
<p>ER inspections are now conducted monthly based on the risk profile. One ER inspection was conducted in the reporting period on 20 January 2026. Minor issue related to mud tracking at Dulwich Hill Station Plaza worksite was raised during this inspection which was promptly resolved by the contractor.</p>	
Photos	
	
<p><b>Figure 1</b> – Belmore Triangle – Concrete pile cutting test activities being undertaken during standard work hours.</p>	<p><b>Figure 2</b> – Belmore Triangle – Imported materials storage ongoing.</p>
	
<p><b>Figure 3</b> – Belmore Triangle – Stockpiled materials tested and awaiting offsite disposal.</p>	<p><b>Figure 4</b> – Marrickville Station – Minor Ancillary Facility has been demobilised.</p>



**Figure 5 – Marrickville Station – Majority of the platform works have been completed.**

**Figure 6 – Marrickville Station – Secondary egress works planning underway.**

**Endorsed Document/s**

ER reviewed the following documents in the reporting period and provided comments to JHLOR to update:

- 15/01/2026 – A17 Ancillary Facility Application (Sydenham ARTC Access/Laydown) Rev B

**Community Consultation**

The monthly project related notifications for January 2026 were issued in late December 2025 and further updates for February 2026 were provided on 25 January 2026. Project specific consultation was undertaken with the affected communities regarding out-of-hours works between 15 January and 30 January 2026.

**Non-compliance/ Incidents or Repeat Complaints**

Summaries of CSW complaints are now received on a weekly basis. Complaints are discussed where relevant for each package below.

No NCRs were raised by the ER or Sydney Metro or reported to ER and SM by JHLOR:

There were no incidents reported to the ER under Condition A36 of SSI 8256.

No Class 3 environmental incidents related to JHLOR were reported.

The ER is aware of the following complaints related to SWM3 package.

- One complaint related to during standard hours at Canterbury Station

The number of complaints decreased in comparison to the previous month (from seven to one) due to reduced amount of work activities than the previous month at all locations:

Unrelated SWM3 Project complaints:

- One complaint related to OOHW alarms at Campsie Station (Downer defect rectification activity

**Audits**

Nil

**Summary of Environmental Performance**

Environmental risks are generally associated with out of hours works during possessions and maintaining compliance with the Tree Report during the security fence installation. Actions raised during ER inspections are closed out within the agreed timeframe with useful supporting documentary evidence provided.



**Looking Forward – Core Focus Areas**

- Platform works and heritage management
- Management of noise and vibration during out-of-hours work during possessions
- Respite offers related to OOHW at various locations
- Management of tree impacts, Plant Community Types (PCTs) and Threatened Environmental Communities (TECs) during construction of security fencing along the alignment, and maintenance of the buffer zone.



3. [Errant and Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Treatments \(EHVMT\)](#)

Project Approval	Contract Package	EPL	Environmental Representative/s
SSI 8256 (S2B)	Errant and Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Treatments (EHVMT) Martinus Rail	No EPL	Maulik Bapodara
<b>Key Construction Activities - During the Period</b>			
<p><b>Construction Activities:</b>  <b>General: Minor Ancillary Facilities operating at Belmore. North Terrace/Stacey Street, Bankstown Minor Ancillary Facility has been demobilised.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canterbury Road – Utility relocation works complete, piling works commenced on westbound lane</li> <li>• Stacey Street – Footpath and concrete barrier works completed with handrail installation works remaining to be completed in the coming months.</li> </ul> <p><b>Completed sites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loch Street</li> <li>• Burwood Road</li> <li>• Moreton Street</li> <li>• Haldon Street</li> <li>• King Georges Road</li> <li>• Punchbowl Road</li> <li>• Livingstone Road</li> <li>• Wardell Road</li> <li>• Duntroon Street</li> <li>• Melford Street</li> <li>• Illawarra Road</li> <li>• Garnett Street</li> <li>• Albermarle Street</li> <li>• Wattle Street/North Terrace</li> <li>• Bruest Place/Kelly Street Punchbowl</li> <li>• Peel St</li> <li>• Railway Pde</li> <li>• Dennis St</li> <li>• Railway Pde</li> <li>• Kier Avenue/Hurlstone Park</li> <li>• Dudley Street</li> </ul>			
<b>Key Construction Activities Look Ahead</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stacey St, Bankstown – Footpath works</li> <li>▪ Canterbury Road, Canterbury – Sydney Water main relocation works</li> </ul>			
<b>ER Inspections</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ER inspections are undertaken based on scope/risk levels of the activities. One ER inspection was undertaken in the reporting period and minor issue related to housekeeping was raised at Canterbury. Issue was addressed in required timeframe by the contractor.</li> </ul>			



**Photos**



**Figure 1** – Stacey St/North Terrace Bankstown Compound has been demobilised. Rehabilitation in progress.



**Figure 2** – Stacey Street Bridge works have been completed.



**Figure 3** – South Terrace works have been completed, rehabilitation works ongoing.



**Figure 4** – Stacey Street Bridge - Footpath widening and concrete barrier installation works complete. Handrail installation works upcoming and require Road Occupancy Licence to complete.



**Figure 5** – Canterbury Road – Sydney Water asset works continuing during standard hours and outside standard construction hours.

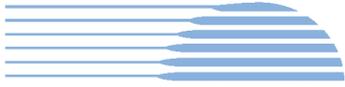


<b>Endorsed Document/s</b>
ER reviewed the following document and provided comments to the contractor to update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>21/01/2026 – Close St, Canterbury – Minor Ancillary Facility Checklist for laydown area establishment related to Sydney Water asset works</li></ul>
<b>Community Consultation</b>
The January Monthly Update notifications were issued on 19 <sup>th</sup> December, and project specific consultation was undertaken with the affected communities regarding out-of-hours works in late December 2025.
<b>Non-compliance/ Incidents or Repeat Complaints</b>
Since commencement of City metro services passenger operations on Monday 19 August 2024, Sydney Metro is now providing summaries of CSW complaints on a weekly basis (was provided daily until 16 August 2024) to DPHI and ERs covering complaints related to remaining construction works.
There were no non-compliances raised by the ER or reported to the ER during the reporting period. There were no incidents reported to the ER under Condition A36 of SSI 8256.
There were no Class 3 environmental incidents reported to the ER during the reporting period.
ER is aware of the following complaints received during the reporting period. The number of complaints was similar to the previous reporting period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Two complaints related to OOHW noise and respite/alternative accommodation</li></ul> Unrelated SWM4 Project complaints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nil</li></ul>
<b>Audits</b>
Nil
<b>Looking Forward – Core Focus Areas</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sydney Water Asset relocation at Canterbury</li><li>Management of noise and dust during out-of-hours works</li></ul>



4. [Sydney Metro Retained Obligations \(SM\)](#)

Project Approval	Contract Package	EPL	Environmental Representative/s
SSI 8256 (S2B)	Sydney Metro Retained Obligations (SM)	Not applicable	Maulik Bapodara Jo Robertson
<b>Key Construction and other Activities</b>			
SM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing works related to dynamic testing related activities for Southwest including variable speed testing of the metro trains</li> <li>▪ Completion of works related to Mowbray Road Shared Path</li> </ul>		
<b>ER Inspections</b>			
ER	ER Inspections are undertaken on a scope/risk level of activities. There were no inspections undertaken related to City section as Chatswood Remediation site and Mowbray Road Shared Path works have been completed.		
<b>Endorsed Document/s</b>			
ER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No endorsed documents in this period.</li> <li>▪ Discussions were held with DPHI regarding Environmental Representative review of a proposed Minor Works Application related to Trial Running activities. The ER is awaiting additional information from SM and MTS to be able to complete its evaluation in relation to potential impacts.</li> </ul>		
<b>Non-compliance/ Incidents or Repeat Complaints</b>			
<p>Since commencement of First Passenger Service on the City portion of CSW, Sydney Metro now provides summaries of CSW complaints on a weekly basis to DPHI and ERs covering complaints related to remaining construction works. Key or repeat items of note are discussed below for the respective projects, where applicable or under respective CSW packages.</p> <p>No complaints were reported to the ER during the reporting period. No incidents were reported to the ER during the reporting period.</p> <p>No non-compliances were raised by the ER/SM or reported to the ER during the reporting period.</p>			
<b>Audits</b>			
SM	Nil		
<b>Looking Forward – Core Focus Areas</b>			
SM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CTRs for Q1Q2 2025 for SSI7400 and SSI8256 SMRO sections</li> <li>▪ Testing and Commissioning between Sydenham and Bankstown</li> <li>▪ Collaborating with MTR and MTS to ensure the required documents are ready for the First Passenger Service.</li> </ul>		



## 5. [Statement of Limitations](#)

Healthy Buildings International (HBI) has prepared this report in accordance with the requirements of Condition A24(l) of the Sydney Metro Condition A26(j) of the Sydney Metro Conditions of Approval (CSSI 17\_8256).

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