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Mr Alex Greenwich MP
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Via email: sydney@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Greenwich *Alex*

Thank you for your correspondence about the iWORCS platform developed by the Streets Opening Coordination Council (SOCC).

I acknowledge that making relevant data publicly available may have the benefits which you identified. However, as iWORCS is a subscription service that facilitates improved collaboration and project management across utility companies, council and transport agencies, direct public access is not deemed appropriate and may impact platform performance.

To work around this, the Department of Finance, Services and Innovation (DFSI) has met with SOCC to discuss the possibility of implementing an Application Programming Interface (API) for the iWORCS platform. An API could enable the publication of relevant iWORCS data about street opening projects through multiple channels including the NSW Data Ecosystem, local government-specific community portals, or utility company websites. With this approach, iWORCS remains a closed project management platform, but with the relevant data made available to the public.

SOCC has been discussing open data possibilities with a number of the agencies and utility companies using iWORCS who are also keen to pursue open data options. SOCC will keep DFSI informed of further developments in this area.

Thank you for your interest in improving the iWORCS portal. Should you require further information, please contact Mr Jeremy Harris, Director Information at DFSI at jeremy.harris@finance.nsw.gov.au or PH: (02) 8276 8347.

Yours sincerely

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