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ATTENTION: Mr Steve Murray

Dear Mr Murray,

Planning Proposal PP15/0001 for amendment of Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014 - expansion of a highway service centre at Pacific Motorway in Chinderah; Seeking Gateway Determination in accordance with Section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Please find attached a Planning Proposal prepared in response to a request from BP Australia Ltd., made in accordance with section 55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act) and the Department of Planning's guides titled "*A guide to preparing planning proposals*".

Tweed Shire Council requests that this Planning Proposal be referred to the LEP Review Panel for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 56 of the EPA Act. The planning proposal is provided within a CD attached to this letter.

This Planning Proposal seeks to apply the E2 Environmental Conservation zone over an endangered ecological community site, located outside of the proposed development footprint. This outcome is consistent with the recommendations of the "E-zone review" interim report, consistent with the precedence of recently finalised amendment 513 of the Byron Bay Local Environmental Plan 1988 and is supported by the owner of the site. Should the DP&E refuse to support the use of the E2 zone on the subject site, an alternative zone will be sought, although the non-environmental zones of the Standard Instrument do not appear to guarantee that ecological qualities of the subject site will be adequately protected.

Any enquiries should be directed to Matthew Zenkteler on (02) 6670 2585, or by email at <u>MZenkteler@tweed.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours Faithfully

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