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McCloy Group Suite 2, Ground Floor, 317 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW 2300 Attention: Sam Rowe

#### SUPPLEMENTARY TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION AT 107 HAUSSMAN DRIVE, THORNTON

Dear Sam,

Reference is made to your request to provide a supplementary traffic impact assessment of the proposed residential subdivision at 107 Haussman Drive, Thornton. This report should be read as a supplement to the traffic and parking impact assessment report by M<sup>c</sup>Laren Traffic Engineering dated 8 October 2020 (MTE Report) (reference 200695.01FA).

Taking into consideration the comments provided by the Department of Planning and Environment (as reproduced in **Annexure A** for reference), additional traffic modelling has been undertaken, including the planned road network changes in the immediate vicinity of the site. The modelling has been undertaken using an Aimsun microsimulation model provided by TfNSW.

The assumptions with regards to traffic generation and traffic distribution provided in the MTE Report have been retained for the purpose of this supplementary modelling and reference should be made to that report if further details regarding the application are sought.



# 1 <u>Modelling Methodology</u>

To reflect the impacts of the development on the roads surrounding the site and to assess the impacts of two possible access arrangements, modelling has been undertaken using an Aimsun microsimulation model provided by TfNSW. The results reflected by this model is detailed in **Section 2**.

# 1.1 Aimsun Base Model

The base model provided by TfNSW is a base model to assist with the assessment of the road network performance in East Maitland. It was prepared by Arcadis and includes the area as indicated in **Figure 1**.



Arcadis 2022

# FIGURE 1: SCOPE OF BASE MICROSIMULATION MODEL

The model includes volumes for the AM (7 AM – 9 AM) and PM (3 PM – 5 PM) peaks and has been calibrated and validated by Arcadis to meet the requirements of the TfNSW Traffic Modelling Guidelines. The base configuration of the roads surrounding the site in the model is depicted in **Figure 2**.

As shown, the layout of the model does not include any of the upgrades planned in the near future by Maitland Council as outlined in **Annexure B**.





FIGURE 2: BASE MODEL CONFIGURATION



# 1.2 Model Adaptation

#### 1.2.1 Road Network Adjustments

To provide an assessment of the performance of the road network surrounding the site and noting that the upgrades planned by Maitland Council will be completed prior to the occupation of any development on the site, modifications were made to the base model including:

- Duplication of Haussman Drive between Taylor Avenue and Raymond Terrace Road;
- Upgrade of Taylor Avenue / Haussman Drive intersection to a dual-lane roundabout;
- Upgrade of Raymond Terrace / Haussman Drive intersection to signal control, including extra lanes;
- Duplication of Raymond Terrace Road between Haussman Drive and Harvest Boulevarde.

The road layout implemented in the model including the upgrades is depicted in Figure 4.

# 1.2.2 Scope of Model Used for Assessment

To examine the area most relevant to the site and the access option testing, the scope of the model was reduced to encompass only the area outlined in **Figure 3**. The volumes in the reduced model were based on subpath volumes from the base model (including Council Road upgrades) such that there was no difference between the models when considering the reduced area only.



FIGURE 3: REDUCED SCOPE OF MODEL USED FOR ASSESSMENT





# FIGURE 4: MODEL INCLUDING LOCALISED UPGRADES



# 2 Modelling of Existing, Future and Development Traffic Volumes

#### 2.1 Existing Traffic Environment

The existing traffic environment has been modelled as a base point of comparison for the future traffic environment. The existing traffic environment has been assessed using the base traffic volumes as adapted from the base model provided by TfNSW. All modelling has been based on the upgraded road network as discussed in **Section 1.2**. The results of the base model assessment are summarised in **Table 1**.

#### TABLE 1: EXISTING INTERSECTION PERFORMANCE AIMSUN

BASE + LOCAL UPGRADES					
Intersection	Intersection Control		Average Delay (worst)	Level of Service (worst)	Maximum Average Vehicle Queue (Approach)
Haussman Drive /	Roundabout	AM	7.1 (8.6) (East RT)	A (A)	0.2 (East LT)
Taylor Avenue		PM	3.8 (5) (South RT)	A (A)	0.1 (East LT)
Haussman Drive /	Signals	AM	14.5 (22.7) (South RT)	B (B)	1.4 (East T)
Raymond Terrace Road		PM	7.6 (13) (West RT)	A (A)	1.5 (East T)

# 2.2 Growth Traffic Environment

The performance of the future road network based on 2% growth volumes per annum and with the local road upgrades implemented in the model as outlined in **Section 1.2** is summarised in **Table 2**.

# TABLE 2: EXISTING PLUS GROWTH INTERSECTION PERFORMANCE AIMSUN

BASE + LOCAL UPGRADES						
Intersection Control		Peak Period	Average Delay (worst)	Level of Service (worst)	Maximum Average Vehicle Queue (Approach)	
Haussman Drive /	Roundabout	AM	7.1 (8.6) (East RT)	A (A)	0.2 (East LT)	
Taylor Avenue		PM	3.6 (6) (South RT)	A (A)	0.1 (East LT)	
Haussman Drive /	Signals	AM	14.6 (26.4) (South RT)	B (B)	1.3 (East T)	
Raymond Terrace Road		PM	7.4 (12) (West RT)	A (A)	2.2 (West RT)	



# 2.3 Traffic Impacts of Development

Using the traffic distribution as outlined in the MTE Report, the Aimsun model was adapted to include two configurations for testing as follows:

- A. Site access restricted to left-in, left-out from Haussman Drive (Figure 5);
- B. Site access restricted to left-in, right-in, left-out from Haussman Drive (Figure 6).

For this assessment, the traffic volumes associated with the development were added to the "base plus 10-year growth" volumes in the Aimsun model to reflect the performance of the road network at a 10-year design horizon.

The results of this assessment are reflected in Table 9.



FIGURE 5: HAUSSMAN DRIVE LEFT-IN / LEFT-OUT DEVELOPMENT ACCESS OPTION – MODEL SNAPSHOT





# FIGURE 6: HAUSSMAN DRIVE LEFT-IN / RIGHT IN / LEFT-OUT DEVELOPMENT ROAD DEVELOPMENT ACCESS OPTION – MODEL SNAPSHOT TABLE 3: INTERSECTION PERFORMANCES (AIMSUN) EXISTING PLUS GROWTH PLUS DEVELOPMENT

	Left-In Left-Out					
Intersection	Control	Peak Period	Average Delay (worst)	Level of Service (worst)	Maximum Average Vehicle Queue (Approach)	
Haussman Drive /	Roundabout	AM	10.9 (48.2) (North T)	A (D)	0.2 (East LT)	
Taylor Avenue	Roundabout	PM	10.2 (42) (North T)	A (C)	0.2 (East LT)	
Haussman Drive / Raymond Terrace	Signals	AM	15.5 (43.3) (South RT)	B (D)	1 (East LT)	
Road	Signals	РМ	12.3 (26) (West RT)	A (B)	1.3 (West RT)	
Site Entry	Give-Way	AM	1.9 (5.2) (North LT)	A (A)	0 (North LT)	
Site Entry		PM	0.9 (4) (North LT)	A (A)	0 (North LT)	
		R	ight-In Permitted			
Intersection	Control	Peak Period	Average Delay (worst)	Level of Service (worst)	Maximum Average Vehicle Queue (Approach)	
Haussman Drive /	Roundabout	AM	10.8 (47.8) (North T)	A (D)	0.2 (East LT)	
Taylor Avenue	Roundabout	РМ	10.1 (42) (North T)	A (C)	0.2 (East LT)	
Haussman Drive / Raymond Terrace	Signals	AM	13 (26.4) (West RT)	A (B)	1 (East LT)	
Road	Signals	РМ	12.5 (26) (West RT)	A (B)	1.4 (West RT)	
Site Entry	Give-Way	AM	2 (4.9) (North LT)	A (A)	0.1 (North T)	
Site Litti y	Give-Way	PM	0.9 (4) (North LT)	A (A)	0 (North LT)	



As shown, under both development scenarios, the surrounding intersections will retain levels of service of "A" or "B", indicating that the proposed development will have little to no noticeable effect on the performance of the road network in the surrounds of the site.

Whilst the traffic model provided by TfNSW includes a much larger scope than just these intersections, the impact on any intersections further afield will be less than that at those modelled and there is no need to provide results for other intersections.

# 3 <u>Conclusions</u>

The traffic impacts of the subject residential subdivision at 107 Haussman Drive, Thornton have been assessed, with the following conclusions drawn:

- The traffic generation associated with a 160-lot residential subdivision will have little to no noticeable effect on the performance of the road network.
- Both access options assessed (left-in / left-out and left-in / right-in / left-out) perform acceptably and there is no clear difference in the performance of the road network based on the options assessment.
- It is likely that a right-turn into the site would provide for a superior level of amenity for residents and, considering that the modelling demonstrates that it will have no adverse impact on the road network, it is the superior option for access to the site.

Please contact the undersigned on 9521 7199 should you require further information or assistance.

Yours faithfully,

#### M<sup>c</sup>Laren Traffic Engineering

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Tom Steal Senior Traffic Engineer BE Civil AMAITPM MIEAust RMS Accredited Level 2 Road Safety Auditor





ANNEXURE A: DPIE COMMENTS (2 SHEETS)

#### **Department of Planning and Environment**



Our ref: IRF22/2059

Mr David Evans General Manager Maitland City Council PO Box 220 MAITLAND NSW 2320

Attn: Leonie Bryson

Dear Mr Evans,

#### Planning proposal PP-2021-2820 to amend Maitland Local Environmental Plan 2011

I am writing in response to the planning proposal forwarded to the Minister under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) seeking to enable residential development at 107 Haussman Drive, Thornton.

The planning proposal has not sufficiently demonstrated how the boundary of the R1 General Residential zone avoids or minimises the impacts on vegetation or environmental values. The NSW Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) is the pathway to determine if areas of environmental value should be avoided or conserved. This assessment needs to be undertaken before the planning proposal can progress.

This may also have implications for the bushfire report and the advice of NSW Rural Fire Service regarding compliance with Planning for Bushfire Protection. Confirmation from the agency is required on the need for secondary access to the site, and for landowner support if this is required to be located on adjoining properties.

Confirmation from Subsidence Advisory NSW is also required to determine consistency with section 9.1 Ministerial direction 4.6 and whether additional studies or measures, including grouting, are required to support future residential uses.

The above matters were not appropriately addressed in the planning proposal submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment. As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Homes, I have determined the planning proposal should be resubmitted after matters outlined in the enclosed Gateway Determination have been addressed.

If the planning proposal is not resubmitted and considered adequate before the timeframe specified in the enclosed Gateway determination, a decision will be made to not proceed with the planning proposal under section 3.32(2(d) of the Act.

While not a final plan, the Department has done an assessment of the planning proposal against the draft Hunter Regional Plan 2041. In particular, assessing the merits against the objectives to create a 15-minute region and nimble neighbourhoods of diverse housing.

The site is well-positioned to a range of day-to-day needs and services, along with public transport. Furthermore, there is an active planning proposal (PP-2022-1187) opposite the site which seeks a range of employment uses. This will further reinforce accessibility for future residents to local employment opportunities without the need to commute by private vehicle.

The draft regional plan recognises that in order to achieve the many public interest intentions of the draft plan, new developments will have to be different. There needs to be greater diversity of housing to improve affordability. As the proposed minimum lot size of 450m<sup>2</sup> is the same as the adjoining R1 General Residential zoned areas, it is not consistent with this strategy or objective.

Given the proposed opportunities for a 15-minute neighbourhood outlined above, a density of only 8 dwellings/ha will be a significant missed opportunity and substantially below an optimum density for the site.

In our assessment of the planning proposal, the following matters were identified as likely to be required to be addressed prior to public exhibition (unless addressed beforehand):

- a revised transport assessment that considers Transport for NSW's road and intersection planning for the area; and
- advice from Hunter Water Corporation on the location and capacity of sewer and water in relation to the site.

These above matters could be further considered as part of the resubmitted planning proposal. However, they are not required or been conditioned in the Gateway determination.

The Department offers its assistance in resolving these matters and recommends Council seeks pre-lodgement advice to confirm the matters listed in the Gateway resubmit have been adequately addressed.

As you would be aware the Department of Planning and Environment is committed to reducing the time taken to complete planning proposals and is taking an active management approach to align planning proposals with the timeframes outlined in the *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (December 2021).

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Thomas Holmes, Senior Planning Officer, Central Coast and Hunter to assist you. Mr Holmes can be contacted on 9860 1583.

Yours sincerely

26/08/2022 Dan Simpkins Director, Central Coast and Hunter Region Planning and Land Use Strategy

Encl: Gateway determination





ANNEXURE B: MAP OF UPGRADES FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (1 SHEET)



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ANNEXURE C: ROAD UPGRADE PLANS PROVIDED BY COUNCIL (19 SHEETS)

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