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General Manager Cessnock City Council DX 21502 CESSNOCK

Attention: Ms Holly Archer

LANG STREET (MR195) & OTHER CLASSIFIED ROADS: PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO EXISTING EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT COMPRISING A HEAVY VEHICLE TRAINING CENTRE, LOT 8 DP 1082569, MCLEOD ROAD, LOXFORD (DA 8/2013/347/1)

Dear Ms Archer,

I refer to your letter dated 13 August 2013 (your reference: 8/2013/347/1) regarding the subject development application forwarded to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for consideration.

RMS Responsibilities and Obligations

Transport for NSW and RMS' primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, RMS has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. Lang Street (MR195), Northcote Street west of Mitchell Avenue, Mitchell Avenue and Victoria Street (MR588) are all classified (State) roads. RMS concurrence is required for works, structures, and disturbances to, in, on, under or over classified roads, under section 138 of the Act, with Council consent. Council is the roads authority for this road and all other public roads in the area. Should road works be required on the classified (State) road, RMS would exercise the functions of roads authority under Sections 64 and 71 of the Act.

Additionally, in accordance with *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* (ISEPP) Clause 104, RMS is given the opportunity to review and provide comment on the subject development application as it meets the requirements under Schedule 3, Column 2.

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RMS Response and Requirements

RMS has reviewed the traffic study undertaken by Samsa Consulting dated August 2013 and has no objections to or requirements for the proposed development as it is considered that there will not be a significant impact on the classified road network.

Comment: The traffic study does not provide the information requested in my letter dated 22 July 2013. RMS is concerned with the potential traffic management and road safety issues at the Lang Street / Heddon Street intersection, particularly when the Hunter Expressway becomes operational. This has not been addressed in the traffic study. However, as there are alternative routes to / from the proposed development RMS is prepared to accept the traffic study in this instance.

Should you require further advice please contact me on (02) 4924 0688.

Yours/sincerely

Dave Young

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