File No: NTH13/00085, CR2014/001722

The General Manager
Kempsey Shire Council
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Dear Sir

Development Application T6-14-67
Extractive Industry 204 Crescent Head Road, South Kempsey.

I refer to your email of 26 March 2014 regarding the above matter.

Roles and Responsibilities

The extractive industry proposal has been forwarded to Roads and Maritime Services for comment as required by State Environment Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industry).

Council will be assessing the development proposal and because it is designated development, the Northern Joint Regional Planning Panel will determine the application.

Comments

The application is not supported by a road safety audit of haulage routes. It is acknowledged that all haulage routes are not known at this time, however, it is reasonable to anticipate that Crescent Head Road to Crescent Head and through Kempsey township are likely to see increased truck volumes because of quarry activities. Ideally a safety audit should identify any road areas that will experience increased safety risks due to increased heavy vehicle volumes. For example schools, school bus routes and rural bus stops are locations that may be adversely affected by increased heavy vehicle volumes.

It is considered appropriate to include a requirement for the quarry operator to prepare a site specific Code of Conduct for haulage operators accessing the quarry and using the proposed haulage routes. The Code of Conduct should address safety impacts identified in the road safety audit and could include considerations related to road safety, driver behaviour, vehicle management, monitoring and compliance.

The junction of the quarry access should be upgraded to AUSTROADS standards for peak traffic generation. At an extraction rate of 450,000 tonnes per annum, it is recommended the connection to Crescent Head Road should be at least an AUSTROADS BAR standard for right turns and BAL for left turns. The junction should be designed to accommodate the swept path of the maximum size vehicle expected to access the site. Hinged truck turning signs should be installed on the approaches to the access to Crescent Heads Road. The signs should be displayed when material haulage is taking places and closed at other times.

A contribution should be made towards the maintenance of the surrounding road network for haulage of material from the quarry.

The quarry is immediately adjacent to the Pacific Highway bypass of Kempsey. Controlled access conditions will apply across the highway boundaries. No direct access from the quarry site to the highway will be possible. To ensure no safety risk to highway traffic, fly rock and blasting operations should be contained on site and not be permitted to extend beyond site boundaries. A sufficient buffer between the highway boundary and excavation on site should be provided to ensure that the highway batter integrity adjacent to the site is maintained.

If you require further information please contact Mr Matt Adams on 6640 1362 or email Development.Northern@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

7 May 2014

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