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General Manager Ballina Shire Council PO Box 450 BALLINA NSW 2478

Attention: Anthony Peters

Dear Sir / Madam,

## Development Application No. 2017/149 – Alterations and Additions to Terminal Building and Associated Works, Ballina Byron Gateway Airport, Southern Cross Drive, Ballina

I refer to your letter of 15 June 2017 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the abovementioned development application and apologise for the delay in providing a response.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

The key interests for Roads and Maritime are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure and the integration of land use and transport.

Southern Cross Drive is a Local Road. Ballina Shire Council is the Roads Authority for all public roads in the subject area pursuant to Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

In accordance with Clause 104 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy Infrastructure 2007* (ISEPP), Roads and Maritime is given the opportunity to review and provide comment on traffic generating developments listed under Schedule 3.

## **Roads and Maritime Response**

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the referred information and raises no object to the proposed development. The following comments are provided to assist the consent authority in making a determination;

- The Statement of Environmental Effects has described proposed improvements to vehicular access, car parking and public transport accessibility. Additionally, Council's assessment report has identified that proposed increase in car parking capacity will be acceptable and that the proposed development will generate a significant number of daily vehicle trips on roads and at intersections used to access the terminal.
- 2. The development application does not include a Traffic Impact Assessment identifying daily or peak hourly impacts on the surrounding road network. Consideration should generally be given to any safety and efficiency impacts generated at key intersections along the primary access route. It is acknowledged that Council as the relevant Road Authority has not raised an objection to the development in relation to traffic management, road safety and/or transport-related impacts.

## **Roads and Maritime Services**

- 3. It is understood that all vehicular access and internal manoeuvring areas will be designed and constructed in accordance with AS2890 and that all vehicles will enter and leave in a forward direction.
- 4. It is recommended that the Local Traffic Committee be consulted with regard to appropriate guidance and regulatory signage at the site access and for internal road-related areas. Consideration should be given to appropriate measures to minimise conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. Additionally consideration should be given to advance guidance signs to assist drivers to navigate to arrival, departure, servicing and parking areas of the terminal.
- 5. The proposed plans demonstrate improvements to Southern Cross Drive and a new roundabout that are subject to a separate development application under DA2017/129. It is suggested that the Consent Authority may wish to require a plan demonstrating the proposed access arrangement should works under the abovementioned development application not proceed.
- 6. Roads and Maritime has observed anecdotal evidence of vehicles parking along Southern Cross Drive outside of the subject site and walking to the terminal. It is recommended that consideration be given to implementation of measures to facilitate pedestrian movements along Southern Cross Drive and/or encourage parking within the designated airport parking areas. Pedestrian and cyclist safety should be considered in the design of any new facility.
- 7. Consideration could be given to the preparation and adoption of a Green Travel Plan for the proposed development. The plan would identify initiatives and set measurable targets to encourage greater patronage of public services and improve participation in active transport modes, with the objective of reducing private car travel.

Upon determination of the application it would be appreciated if Council could forward a copy of the Notice of Determination for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please contact Matt Adams, Acting Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: <u>development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au</u>

Yours faithfully

13 July 2017

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