Transport for NSW



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General Manager Port Stephens Council PO Box 42 RAYMOND TERRACE NSW 2324

Attention: Isaac Lancaster

Pacific Highway (HW10): DA 16/2023/477/1, Upgrade to intersection to service extractive industries - Italia Road Balickera

I refer to the abovementioned Development Application referred to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on 19 August 2024.

TfNSW key interests are the safety and efficiency of the transport network, the needs of our customers and the integration of land use and transport in accordance with the *Future Transport Strategy*.

Pacific Highway (HW10) is a classified State Road and Italia Road is a local road. Council is the roads authority for all public roads in the area, in accordance with Section 7 of the *Roads Act* 1993.

TfNSW has reviewed the Technical Memorandum prepared by GHD and dated 24/06/2024 and provides the following comments:

1. Northbound Acceleration Lanes for Trucks at Italia Road

The ~440m acceleration lane length proposed at Italia Road is accepted.

2. Tarean Road Interchange U-turn

It is noted Tarean Road interchange at Karuah has ~500m+ acceleration lane length which was constructed by TfNSW. The acceleration lane is part of an existing approved 26m B-double route at the interchange. No further assessment of the acceleration lane length is required by the applicant.

3. Bridge Widening Drawings

The responses have been noted, and no further information is required at this time.

Based on the above comments TfNSW provides in-principle acceptance of the strategic design (attached) and request it be included in the conditions of Development Consent.

The developer will be required to enter into a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) with TfNSW for all works proposed on the classified (State) road. All works under the WAD shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and TfNSW Supplements. All works shall be completed by the applicant at no cost to TNSW.

TfNSW highlights that in determining the application under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 it is the consent authority's responsibility to consider the environmental impacts of any road works which are ancillary to the development.

Should you require further information please contact Kate Leonard, Development Services Case Officer, on 1300 207 783 or by emailing development.north@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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