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Attention Mr Brent Devine.

Dear Sir

Modification of Residential subdivision at Angels Beach Drive, East Ballina (DA 188-08-2004 MOD 4).

I refer to your letter dated 21 June 21, reference DA 188-08-2004 MOD 4.

Traffic signals are potentially a safe method of providing pedestrian connectivity, provided essential site criteria are satisfied. If these criteria are not met the result can be an inappropriate pedestrian facility that has inherent pedestrian safety and traffic efficiency risks.

S J Connelly in the submission to modify the consent condition requiring traffic signals for pedestrian access across Angels Beach Drive has indicated that the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has "*not issued concurrence for the signals*". In the RTA's letter to Planning NSW dated 25/02/2011 (copy attached), it was indicated that additional information was required in order for the RTA to assess the suitability of traffic signal installation at Angels Beach Drive. This information is necessary to determine if traffic signals will safely meet community expectations at this location. At this time the required information supporting signal installation has not been provided for RTA determination. It is noted, however, that the Bitzios Consultant's report accompanying the current development modification does not support signals.

Ballina Shire Council has in the past seriously considered pedestrian safety when assessing developments fronting Angels Beach Road and the Coast Road. Council has successfully enhanced pedestrian safety by limiting direct lot access and consolidating pedestrian activity across these roads at grade separated locations. Pedestrian access across Angels Beach Drive generated by the subject development has, from the rezoning stage, been one of the constraints to providing residential development at this location. The provision of a pedestrian refuge as a long term solution does not appear to be consistent with Council's strategy for managing pedestrian safety in this area. It is likely, also, that a refuge would not meet community expectations for pedestrian safety and amenity.

Angels Beach Drive is a local road under the care and control of Ballina Shire Council. Council sets standards and priorities for this road. Council should be consulted for their opinion regarding the provision of a pedestrian refuge to satisfy the long term strategy for managing pedestrian safety in this area.

If your Department has any further enquiries regarding this matter please contact Michael Baldwin on 6686 1832, or email land_use_northern@rta.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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Roads and Traffic Authority