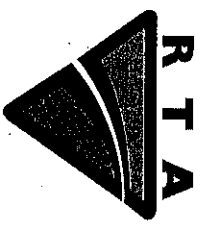


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**PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADING PROGRAM. BULAHDELAH
UPGRADE PROJECT. REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REQUIREMENTS
FOR PREPARING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.**

Dear Sir

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is investigating options for the upgrade of the Pacific Highway at Bulahdelah.

On the 29 November 2001, the Minister for Roads announced route Option E as the preferred alignment. This option passes to the east of the Bulahdelah township and is referred to as route Option E2 in the PPK study.

Background information about the project is available in a report titled "Bulahdelah Upgrade of the Pacific Highway – Project Development and Preferred Route Option Report" which was forwarded to planning NSW under a separate cover (PPK ref 58L320A/010.1t0092, 29 January 2002).

The RTA / PPK project team is presently refining the Option E alignment and is about to commence the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979)*. Further design refinements such as revised interchange / access arrangements to the township may be made as part of the refinement of the design concept and detailed environmental assessment.

It would be appreciated if you could forward the Director General's requirements for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement to the project team.

We trust that the information provided separately is sufficient to identify the Director General's requirements. If you require further information, I would ask you to make contact with one of the following project team members in the first instance:

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Yours faithfully

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