

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

Declaration of Critical Infrastructure Project

I, the Minister for Planning, declare under section 75C of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, that the project referred to in the Schedule is a critical infrastructure project, having formed the opinion that the project is essential for the State for economic and social reasons.

FRANK SARTOR, M.P.,
Minister for Planning

Sydney, 5 December 2006.

SCHEDULE

Development for the purposes of upgrading the following segments of the Pacific Highway, located within the Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Richmond Valley, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Bellingen, Nambucca, Kempsey, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Port Stephens and Newcastle Local Government Areas and at the locations shown on the map marked 'Pacific Highway Upgrade Planning Projects', to achieve at least four lanes of dual carriageway ('the Project'):

1. Banora Point, from the northern extent of the completed Chinderah bypass extending approximately 2.5 kilometres to the southern extent of the Tweed Heads bypass north of Minjungbal Drive.
2. Tintenbar to Ewingsdale, from Ross Lane approximately 13 kilometres north of Ballina extending for approximately 17 kilometres to the existing Ewingsdale interchange approximately 32 kilometres north of Ballina.
3. Woodburn to Ballina, from approximately 3 kilometres south of Woodburn extending for approximately 36 kilometres to the Ballina bypass approximately 6 kilometres south of Ballina.
4. Iluka Road to Woodburn, from the Iluka Road intersection extending for approximately 35 kilometres to a point approximately 3 kilometres south of Woodburn.
5. Wells Crossing to Iluka Road, from approximately 23 kilometres south of Grafton extending for approximately 71 kilometres to the Iluka Road intersection approximately 56 kilometres north of Grafton.
6. Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing, from Arrawarra Creek, approximately 5 kilometres north of Woolgoolga extending for approximately 28 kilometres to the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Bald Knob Tick Gate Road.
7. Sapphire to Woolgoolga, from Campbell Close approximately 8 kilometres north of Coffs Harbour extending for approximately 25 kilometres to the intersection with Arrawarra Beach Road approximately 31 kilometres north of Coffs Harbour.
8. Coffs Harbour Bypass, from approximately 700 metres south of the Englands Road intersection extending for approximately 12 kilometres to approximately 500 metres south of Old Coast Road.
9. Macksville to Urunga, from Crouchs Creek approximately 47 kilometres north of Kempsey extending for approximately 37 kilometres to Waterfall Way Bridge approximately 88 kilometres north of Kempsey.
10. Warrell Creek, from south of Warrell Creek approximately 42 kilometres north of Kempsey extending for approximately 6 kilometres to Crouchs Creek approximately 47 kilometres north of Kempsey.
11. Kempsey to Eungai, from approximately 7 kilometres south of Kempsey extending for approximately 41 kilometres to approximately 34 kilometres north of Kempsey.
12. Oxley Highway to Kempsey, from the intersection of the Pacific Highway and the Oxley Highway extending for approximately 37 kilometres to the Maria River south of Kempsey.
13. F3 Freeway to Raymond Terrace, from the F3 Freeway approximately 1 kilometre south of the John Renshaw Drive Roundabout extending for approximately 15 kilometres to approximately 1.5 kilometres of Masonite Road, Raymond Terrace.

Development for all associated or ancillary works, activities, uses, structures or facilities for the purposes of the Project, and includes (but is not limited to) works, activities, uses, structures or facilities for the following:

- a) construction (including demolition works) and operation (excluding maintenance) of the Project;
- b) access for construction and operation of the Project including access for pedestrians, public transport and vehicles;
- c) environmental management and pollution control for the Project;
- d) associated interchanges, intersections, bridges, overpasses, ramps, service roads and road modifications for the Project;
- e) any changes to the route of the existing carriageway or road for the Project;
- f) any re-alignment, modification, demolition or replacement of the existing carriageway or road for the Project; and
- g) any winning or obtaining extractive material as part of the construction work for the Project.

Development does not include activities comprising of surveys, test drilling, test excavations, preliminary geotechnical investigations or the like associated with the design and environmental assessments required for the Project prior to the commencement of construction.

